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STATES TO HIT BACK!

Warning from NSW

Australia's two most powerful States, Victoria and New South Wales will resist any plan for a regional National Soccer League — if their clubs are poached to make up the numbers.

The NSL has considered several options for a new look competition in 1984, but one thing is certain... expensive interstate air travel will be cut to the minimum or eliminated entirely.

THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN GOING WELL FOR MARK "GOLDEN BOOT" KOUSSAS THIS YEAR. RELEGATED TO THE SUBS' BENCH BY SYDNEY OLYMPIC, YOUNG MARK IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO REGAIN HIS FIRST TEAM SPOT. HIS CONFIDENCE RECEIVED A WELCOME BOOST WHEN STATE COACH JOHN WATKISS SELECTED KOUSSAS FOR NSW'S SQUAD TO PLAY QUEENSLAND IN BRISBANE ON MAY 8.

To achieve this desirable objective, the NSL will have to form regional divisions and will need new member clubs from the State Leagues to make them viable.

But the balloon will go up if the top State League clubs are approached by the NSL.

That point was emphasised this week by NSW Federation president Karel Rodny when he stated bluntly: "There will be no grabbing of NSW teams, and Victoria feels the same way. I shall be surprised if all the other States do not pursue the same line."

"If the National League clubs want to play in regional divisions, let them come back to the States."

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EDITORIAL

It is difficult to find any rhyme or reason for the decision last week by Balmain Rugby League club to deny Leichhardt Soccer club use of Leichhardt Oval.

Leichhardt were put in a spot when vandals did considerable damage to Lambert Park, causing the NSL club to find another venue for its match against Adelaide City.

In such an emergency, one would assume that, as a nice neighbourly gesture, Balmain would have relaxed their iron grip on Leichhardt Oval and accommodated the Soccer team.

Things, however, don't work that smoothly in what is developing into a battle of the codes.

The door to Leichhardt Oval was slammed in the face of the Soccer people, causing the usually mild-mannered president Nick Papallo to say some most uncomplimentary things about Balmain Rugby League club.

"I am bitterly disappointed at such lack of sympathy in our moment of dire need," said Mr Papallo. "It amazes me when a club in the same district, even if it does follow a different type of football, refuses to assist in an emergency."

Even though Leichhardt Council is sympathetic to Leichhardt Soccer club's constant appeals for use of the Balmain home ground, the League officials grimly resist making any concessions.

Yet the ground belongs to the Council. It does not belong to Balmain Rugby League club.

A few weeks ago, Leichhardt's home game against St George was watched by a very small crowd at Lambert Park. It was a wet day and there is precious little covered accommodation at the ground. On the same day, Leichhardt Oval, with ample cover, was not used at all. This is a situation which does not make sense.

Sydney must be the only city in the world which accommodates four different codes of football.

In such a situation, it is absolutely essential for the four — Soccer, League, Union and Rules — to live in harmony. Life is too short for petty squabbling to divide football in four conflicting directions.

On the whole the codes DO get along well together. Yet this pocket of antagonism around the Balmain — Leichhardt district sticks out like a sore thumb.

This week, the Leichhardt Council is expected to discuss (what again?) tenancy of Leichhardt Oval and Soccer's bid to play a few matches at the ground.

It will be interesting to see if this latest attempt to solve the two-code war is any more successful than previous efforts.

We are not holding our breath in anticipation of Balmain Rugby League club bringing forth any olive branch.

NEXT WEEKEND

ROUND 7 — 24.4.83

Heidelberg v Brisbane Lions
St George v Canberra Arrows
Wollongong City v Sydney City
Brisbane City v South Melbourne
Newcastle KB v West Adelaide
Leichhardt v Preston
Footscray v Marconi
Adelaide City v Sydney Olympic

THAT HIDING ANGERED WOLVES WILLIE WALLACE

Wollongong City coach Willie Wallace said his team won't be made to look idiots again while he is in charge — after they lost 7-0 to the Australian Youth side.

The Young Socceroos tore a makeshift Wolves side apart under the Balgownie lights in front of 2,114 spectators.

Wallace said he did not field his full NSL side because it was just an exhibition.

The Wollongong coach said he told his players to take things easy but the young Socceroos certainly didn't adopt the same tactics.

They went flat out from the start in what coach Les Scheinflug described as being just what they needed.

"That was a great workout for my side and we need more of these games in the near future," Scheinflug said.

The national coach said he was particularly pleased with the form of Newcastle striker David Lowe, who had a tremendous game.

On that showing, there is no saying where Lowe will finish up because he looked to have everything.

His speed, ball control and running off the ball had the crowd roaring with approval.

Sweeper Tommy McCulloch and stopper Ray Vlietstra also were outstanding and Fabio Incantalupo grabbed a hat-trick in great style.

With three guest players from Illawarra in their lineup Wollongong were never in the hunt apart from a bright spell in the first 10 minutes.

The Socceroos led 2-0 at the break and got into full stride in the second half.

Lowe seemed to appear all over the field creating openings with fast breaks and deft passes and Wollongong goalkeeper Jim Preston must have had nightmares about the youngster that night.

"There is no saying what the future holds for Lowe at his current rate of improvement," Scheinflug said after the game.

"He is really a super player."

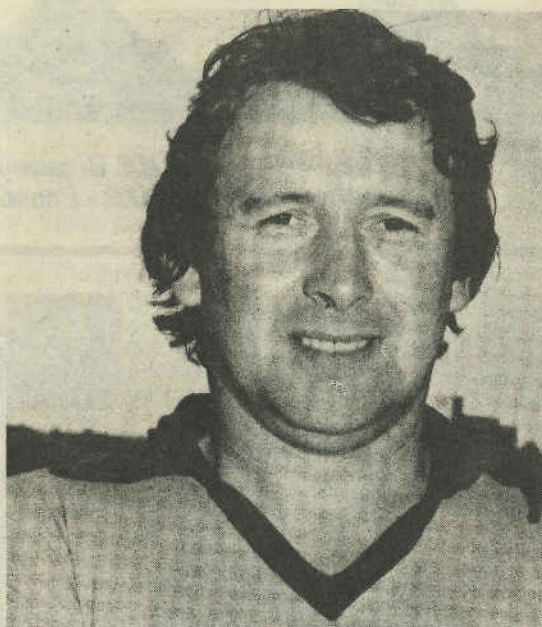
Acting national coach Frank Arok has a very high regard for the defensive and marking capabilities of the Slickers' Geraldo Gomez. Arok says that Gomez could turn out to be a player in the mould of that great St George and Australian stopper Manfred Schaefer.

CHARITY MATCH AT MELITA

Tomorrow (Wednesday) night, a charity match will be staged at Melita Stadium for the Royal Alexander Children's Hospital.

Main game (8.15pm) is between Melita Eagles and a South American Select side.

This is preceded by a women's match between Sydney Olympic and Arncliffe Scots girls at 7 o'clock.



Willie Wallace

NSL RESULTS

Preston 1 (Ward) Newcastle 0 at Connor Reserve, Crowd: 2000.
South Melbourne 0 Wollongong 1 (O'Connor) at Middle Park. Crowd: 4500.
West Adelaide 0 Brisbane City 1 (Glockner) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3100.
Brisbane Lions 5 (Kelso 2 Wright Niven Tuttilli og) Footscray 0 at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 600.
Marconi 0 Sydney Olympic 2 (Soper 2) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 4623.
Sydney City v St George at Sydney Athletic Field - postponed.
Canberra 3 (Bryant Gibson Perinovic) Heidelberg 0 at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1500.
Leichhardt 2 (Jones Nyskohus og) Adelaide City 0 at Pratten Park. Crowd: 1423.
Sydney City 1 (Barnes) Footscray 1 (Belic) at Marconi Stadium.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

By Peter Russell
WEEK ENDING 17.4.83

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GI.	Dif.	Pts.
NEWCASTLE	4	3	0	1	7	2	+5	9	
MARCONI	5	2	2	1	9	6	+3	8	
SYDNEY CITY	4	2	1	1	12	4	+8	7	
AIS	5	2	1	2	4	6	-2	7	
OLYMPIC	5	2	1	2	9	13	-4	7	
CANBERRA	5	2	0	3	9	11	-2	6	
ST GEORGE	4	1	2	1	6	5	+1	5	
WOLLONGONG	6	1	2	3	6	11	-5	5	
LEICHARDT	4	1	1	2	4	8	-4	4	

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES

SAT: Newcastle v Marconi 12noon, Inter. Sports Centre. SUN: St George v Canberra 1.00pm St George Stadium. Wollongong v Sydney City Ziems Park, Corral. Leichhardt v AIS Pratten Park.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
PRESTON	6	3	2	1	10	7	11	2	1	0	4	2	7	1	1	1	6	5
WEST ADELAIDE	6	3	2	1	5	3	11	2	0	1	2	1	6	1	2	0	3	2
BRISBANE CITY	5	3	1	1	9	7	10	2	0	1	7	6	6	1	1	0	2	1
HEIDELBERG	6	2	3	1	5	5	9	2	1	0	4	1	7	0	2	1	1	4
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LEICHARDT	5	2	1	2	4	4	7	2	0	0	1	2	6	0	1	2	1	4
BRISBANE LIONS	6	2	1	3	9	10	7	2	0	1	7	2	6	0	1	2	2	8
SYDNEY CITY	5	2	1	2	5	7	7	1	1	0	3	1	4	1	0	2	2	6
MARCONI	6	1	1	4	3	8	4	1	1	1	3	3	4	0	0	3	0	5
FOOTSCRAY	6	1	1	4	4	15	4	1	0	2	3	8	3	0	1	2	1	7

THE TWO KENNYS

by Peter Russell

On a waterlogged Sydney Athletic Field where water polo would have been more at home, it was a tale of the 'Two Kennys' in the form of St George's Kenny Wilson and Sydney City's Kenny Boden. It was their guile and experience that saved the day from being a complete wash out for their sides.

In the 30th minute Wilson was the architect of his side's goal which he engineered using the relatively dry flanks before crossing for Les Faher to net.

It was Boden's turn to be saviour in the 80th minute when he broke clear on the 'dry' right flank to cleverly chip the ball over the advancing Mike Frazer.

The rest of the match took on a 'Jacques Cousteau' flavour with both sides ploughing down the middle of the park looking for the submerged ball. Overall the Slickers found it more often than St George.

At the Bruce Stadium, Canberra Jimmy Shoulders young AIS squad went down 2-0 to a workmanlike Newcastle side.

Newcastle took command after Simon Brandy opened the scoring in the 57th minute and Tony Caban sealed matters in the 82nd minute.

In the game at Pratten Park, the young Strikers must have found their new 'home' ground to their lik-

ing, for they at last found their shooting boots in a high scoring encounter with the Wollongong Wolves.

Leichhardt's goal was a solo effort from Gary Van Egmond, while the Wollongong reply was a quick bout of interpassing between Darren Nees and Scott Dickson.

The second half opened with two goals for Leichhardt in the first three minutes. The first when Enio Morson's free kick was deflected into his own net by Wollongong's Robert Dekker. The second came after a piece of Gary Van Egmond magic on the right and Steve Tsinolis was on hand to bury the final pass.

Wollongong replied through Warren Baker (penalty) and Darren Nees who got the equaliser five minutes from time.

On a rain affected pitch at Marconi Stadium, Marconi and Olympic fought out a dour 1-1 draw. The game never reached any great heights as both teams applied tactics that were not suited to the wet conditions.

Mark Koussas was prominent for Olympic, getting onto the scoresheet in the 48th minute after previously testing keeper Tony Veneri Carlos Logiudice got the equaliser in the 85th minute when he latched into a poor headed clearance from Jim Zirras.

STATES TO HIT BACK

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We will be happy to accommodate them. There will be no regional Soccer in NSW unless it is controlled by the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs."

The Federation president, in his statement, was simply re-affirming NSW policy which has been spelled out more than once ... in fact ever since it was first suggested that the national competition would be split geographically.

This time, however, with Victoria and NSW presenting a united front, there appears to be little chance of the leading clubs in their State Leagues moving over to the NSL.

Right now, of course nobody knows officially what will eventuate from the various meetings which are occupying so much time and effort by the NSL administrators.

But if the enormous financial burden of air travel is not removed, a lot of clubs in the National League will be battling desperately to stay friends with their creditors.

YOU CAN'T MARKET LIKE THIS

By Tom McKain

Where did all the expertise go when it came to marketing the National Cup?

The second round was the biggest farce.

Cash is tight, so why try to sell two games in two days?

Fans may be fickle, but who can blame them for not turning up on the holiday Monday after watching their team on the Sunday.

And who can blame players for not being at their peak?

Then there was the fiasco in Sydney when the Marconi-Brisbane City game was called off by a NSL official.

Referees have always had the final say on whether games will be played or not.

The national competitions have been going since 1977 and we still have not learnt how to present the Cup contest.

Perhaps, in future, it would be better to play the early round before the NSL season kicks off.

And have the semis and final at the end of the season — that is if there is to be a National Cup in the future.

SAINTS WARY

By John Economos

St George's Frank Arok is very wary of the Canberra match next Sunday at the St George Stadium.

The Lotto Systems 8 people, Canberra Arrows sponsor, will be Match Day Sponsor.

Executive manager of Lotto, Mr Alan Lovell, a very keen Soccer supporter, will be at the Stadium.

Canberra stunned the Soccer fraternity earlier

this year when they crushed Brisbane Lions 6-1 and looked world beaters.

Canberra's coach, George Murray, will be again looking for the same goal-hunger from his playing staff as they showed against Lions.

The battle of the goalkeepers is a duel that will have a great bearing on this match.

STH. MELBOURNE'S BIG CHANCE FOR NSL TITLE

By Mike Mystakides

In the last six years of National League competitions, the battle for supremacy and for the title was clearly for Sydney teams, apart from 1978, when the title flew to West Adelaide.

There was, rightly or wrongly, the feeling that Melbourne clubs are not in the same class as the Sydney teams.

Statistics support those who believe in Sydney superiority. Five of the six competitions were won by Sydney teams. Four by Sydney City: 1977, 1980, 1981, 1982, and one by Marconi 1979.

Melbourne hasn't won a thing in six frustrating years.

Today, they are looking for a change with three ace clubs South Melbourne, Heidelberg and Preston.

The "Gunners" are most favoured of the 16 teams to win the national title. They have spent, as always, big cash freely to sign players like Oscar Crino, Ken Murphy, Crol Halford John Yzendoorn, and Robert Russell.

Up to the 5th round, they lost only to St George 2-0. Their front line is the second best producing almost two goals per game and their defence conceded one per game.

But, from what we saw of St George Stadium a week ago, the race for the title will be so easy, as the "Gunners" may think.

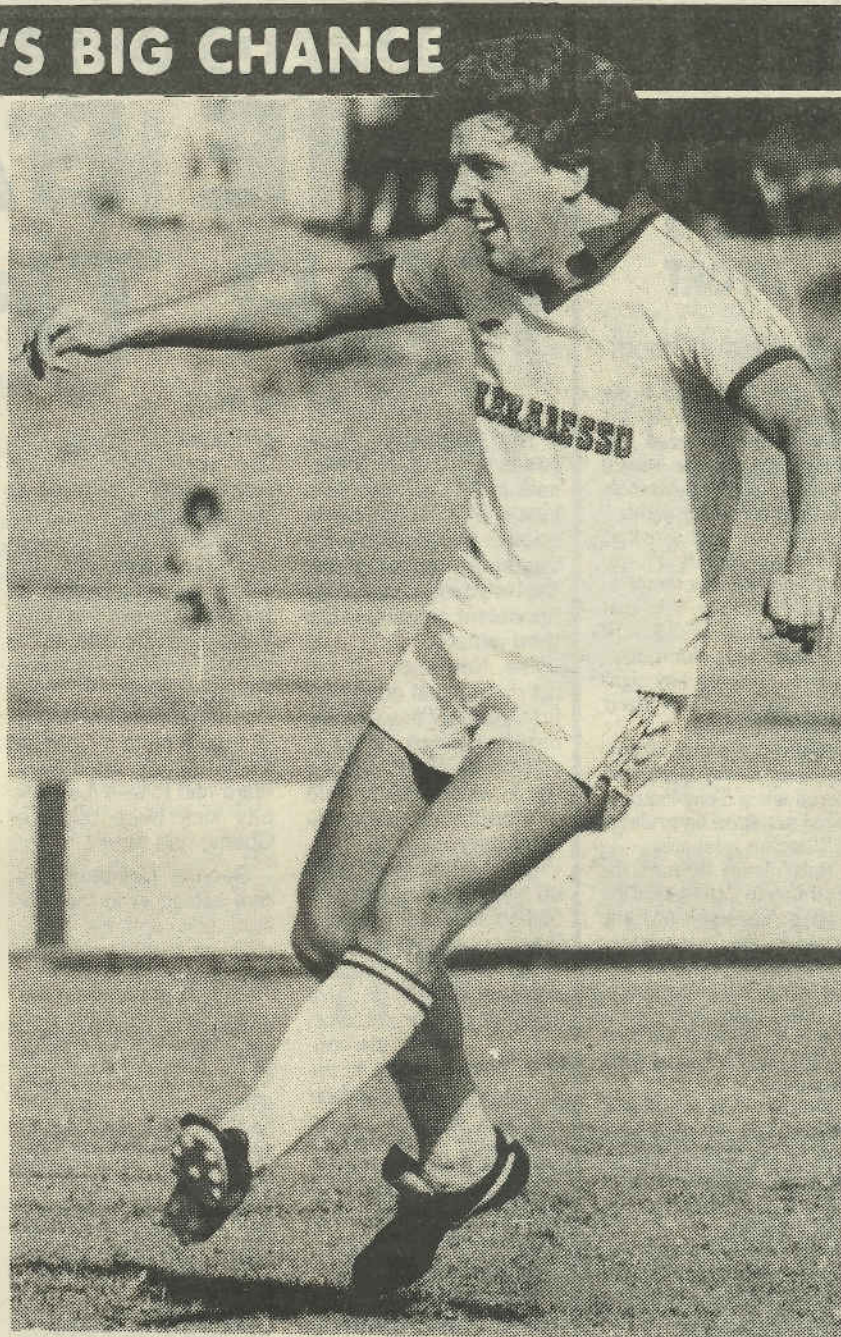
It will be 34 rounds of hassles through Rale Rasic must guide his team through backyards of another. Challengers, West Adelaide, Heidelberg, Preston and Sydney Olympic.

Olympians are paying top money to Tommy Docherty. Even more than many European professional clubs pay for famous coaches. They also spent big money to buy star names, Jim Patikas, Marshall Soper and Ricky Herbert. So their target is to stay on top in Australian Soccer. With a littlebit of luck, they can make it.

The results on the board are the barometer, which indicates Sydney City will be dethroned by a Melbourne club or by Olympians.

The table at this stage is changeable, making the competition interesting.

Let's hope that it will stay like that for the good of the game.



Dougie Brown in his dream debut with South Melbourne in which he netted two goals against his former club Preston, at Middle Park Stadium. Photo: John Punshon.

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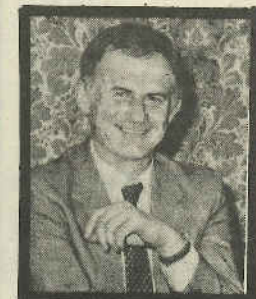


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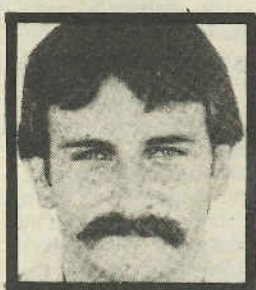
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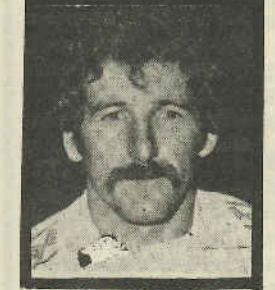
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ENTERPRISING BELIC'S EFFORT

by Keith Gilmour

Vlatko Belic had a big game in Footscray's 1-1 draw in the deferred National League game against Sydney City at Marconi Stadium on Friday night.

Although the Slickers were below their best it was a worthwhile experience to see a Footscray side that was prepared to battle it out with the champions without showing any signs of going back into their shell on the night.

Right at the end of normal time it was Belic who scored when Tony Pezzano failed to cotton on to a high ball into his goal area.

Belic's runs through the centre were superb and by rights he should have scored in the 75th minute. His rocket hit the crossbar and came out. There was no doubt that no goal-keeper could have handled the shot had it been a fraction lower.

The first half was often dreary. Ian Souness was back in the Slickers line-up but he did not commit himself when it came to the heavy tackling.

Gus McLeod had two early chances for the Eagles but thereafter he failed to meet the challenge.



DENNIS BOLAND

Midway in the second half Dennis Boland pulled off a split-second save from a snap shot by Paul Kay. Incidentally Eddie Thomson believes that Kay is about to show us what the real Kay is made of.

Kay also made a clearance off the line at a critical stage for his team.

Sydney City's goal in the 78th minute saw Steve O'Connor feed Joey Watson. Murray Barnes slipped the ball inside the post after what looked suspiciously like a handball.

Credit must go to Kiri Kirikoules for the marking job he did on John Kosmina. Jamie Paton and Jim Carroll were also very active.

On the night it certainly wasn't vintage Sydney City. There is no doubt that they sadly missed big David Mitchell at the front and Souness must be worked back into the team.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Cant, Robertson, O'Connor, Bruce, Murray, Watson, Barnes, Souness (De Marigny 74m), Kosmina, Kay.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Hazabent, Curovic, Kirikoules, Tutill, Belic, Taylor, Carroll, McLeod, Paton, Lujic.

REFEREE: J. Reeves. **CROWD:** 2251 (Double-header).

THE BATTLE FOR THE TOP

By Jock Stephens

The Preston — Newcastle game started sensationally when Joe Senkalski went for an early shower as referee Denis Voutsinas ordered off the Newcastle midfielder for violent conduct in the third minute.

The Newcastle 10 did not miss a beat during the first half so it was only natural that they ran out of steam during the second half in which Preston were a more controlled side technically.

George Todorovski played the leader role to perfection early but I feel that Preston will have to get a more systematic flow-on play going early to give opponents more problems.

Grant Lee had the honour of the first shot in the match for Newcastle and Richard Wilson played comfortably in the 13th minute. Odzakov past easily to Campbell whose nippy shot was turned over the bar at the 16th minute by Clint Gosling.

Michael Boogaard and Claude Lucchesi were having many close tussles and honours until late in the game were even. Lucchesi could be said to be in front of the finish.

Young David Low proved very popular with the crowd who ap-

preciated his "never say die" spirit and his good technical skills in being a fine contestant.

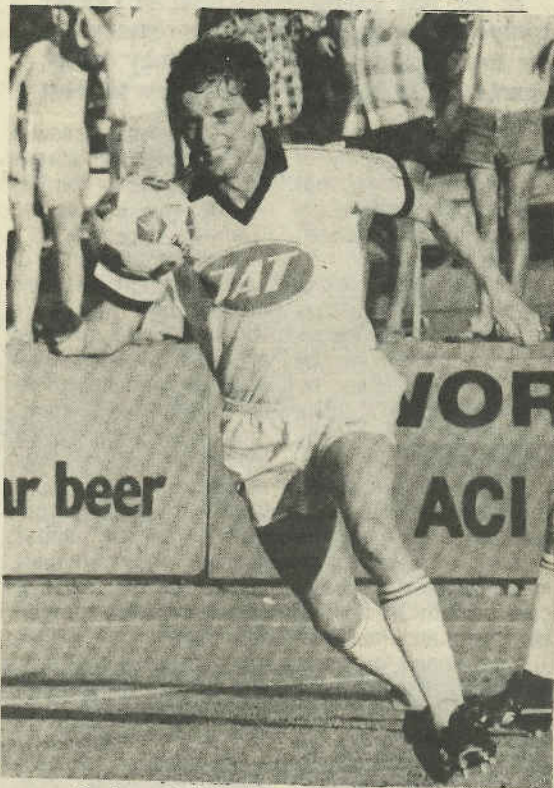
The second half showed more fire power with Odzakov spraying passes to his forwards with first Gary Ward and Calude Lucchesi giving Gosling some tight work to do.

Preston were deserving of a goal when it came at the 67 minute when Gary Ward had to take the penalty kick twice because Gosling had moved.

Georgie Campbell has now settled in to the Preston side and his nippy skills gave the crowd lots of pleasure.

Michael Boogaard's dismissal at 83 minutes could have been avoided but as it was his second handling offence referee Voutsinas had no option best man of field was David Lowe with Grant Lee and Peter Burke doing well for Newcastle. Best for Preston were Odzakov, Campbell and Todorovski.

Ken Kaiser, coach of Newcastle was outspoken in condemning the referee for only dealing with half the problem when Senkalski was sent off, he said that the game ceased to be entertaining for the crowd after that.



Graham Tutill in action for Footscray.

Peter Ollerton coach of Preston said: "Overall the game showed that ten men can play against eleven men with credit for 70 minutes, the other top team results gave him a lot of pleasure also.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinas, Flavell, Ilioski, Jones, Todorovski, Campbell, Lucchesi, McMillan,

Odzakov (Livingstone 80m), Ward. Coach: P. Ollerton.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, H. Tredinnick, Mason, Burke, Senkalski, Mountford, Boogaard, Lowe, Jones (Coburn 80m), Lee. Coach: K. Kaiser.

GOAL: 1-0 Ward (penalty 67m).

CROWD: 3,000.

REFEREE: D. Voutsinas.

GLOCKNER HERO

By Tom McKain

Instant success came to Steve Glockner and Brisbane City on Sunday when the Queenslanders' lowered West Adelaide's colours for the first time this season with a 1-0 win at the Hindmarsh Stadium.

Young Glockner took the field in the 77th minute as a substitute for forward Joe Cairney and promptly forced a corner.

As the ball came over he first guided it onto the crossbar, and as it bounced back out with goal keeper Gary Sproul caught in mid-air, Glockner, a strong contender for the Youth Soccerroos, raised a long leg and guided it home.

It was a win coach Jim Hermiston and his men deserved, for they were by far the more enterprising team.

Peter Tokasi held the bigger West target man Paul Wormley for the full 90 minutes.

Hermiston was delighted with the NSL debut of Gary Bloomfield, a product of the Queensland State League.

For West, Wormley fought as did Heys and

Graham Honeyman, but they never quite got the better of the Brisbane back four, and there was more hustle in the Queenslanders' midfield.

There was little for the fans to enthuse over as neither side managed to set itself for shots and Sproul, and his counterpart in the visiting goal, Kim Wishart had little to do of a spectacular nature.

Brisbane City captain Pimblett predicted a home win over South Melbourne on Sunday. "We get better every game and I can't see us losing at home," he said.

West also made a substitute bringing on Stewart Blair in the 81st minute for his NSL debut.

WESTS: Sproul, McGregor, Amey, McGachey, Dunn, Brennan (Blair 81m), Heys, Atsalas, Wormley, Honeyman, Hiern.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Wilkinson, Tokasi, Perry, Liddell, Bloomfield, Pimblett, Hughen, Cairney (Glockner 77m), Williamson, Hamilton.

REFEREE: M. Browning. **CROWD:** 2,422.

ARROWS TARGET

By Peter Windsor

Out of form Heidelberg crashed to twin humiliations against Canberra Arrows on Saturday — their first defeat of the season and their first ever loss in the national capital.

Perhaps the best summation of the game came from Heidelberg's coach Ken Morton, who, with refreshing honesty commented: "We didn't achieve anything because we didn't show anything."

"Canberra fought harder and deserved the points."

In contrast, in addition to his delight at the win, Canberra's coach George Murray said: "It's one of coaching's biggest thrills to take a gamble with a young unknown and watch him make a resounding success of his chance."

The youngster in question is 18 years old Canberra boy Marko Perinovic who as striker had a dream NSL debut and kept it by grabbing Canberra's final goal.

With devastating effectiveness Canberra had the game won within 17 minutes of the turn round.

Like a team transformed they attacked in flurries and were rewarded with the vital break through in the 52nd minute.

Ian Gibson, having his best game of the season,

struck a superb centre only to see it scrambled clear. Back it came within seconds when Don MacLaren shot. Once more Heidelberg cleared their new lines, but for Canberra it was to be a case of third time lucky.

This time the ball ran to Steve Bryant on the edge of the penalty area and Bryant's ground shot rebounded into the goal off the far post.

In the 59th minute another goalmouth melee led to Canberra's second — the scorer being Gibson who was perhaps Canberra's man of the match.

Three minutes later came Perinovic's goal — just reward considering that leading to the second he had a fine shot superbly saved by Heidelberg's Geff Olver who finger-tipped on to the crossbar.

Only in the dying stages did Heidelberg show attacking flair when midfielder Juan Toro's shot hit the crossbar and close-range gift chances from Michael Valentine and Derek Lea were wasted.

OLYMPIC FLOORS FLAT MARCONI

By John Economos

Sydney Olympic defeated a flat Marconi 2-0 at Marconi Stadium to pick up a very valuable three points and jump three places up the ladder into eighth position.

Even from this position, Sydney Olympic are the leading Sydney club on the NSL ladder. What's happened to Sydney's grip on the League?

Marconi looked jaded after playing only two days before in a deferred Cup match with Brisbane City.

But in all fairness, Olympic were very lucky in the first 12 minutes of the match when they could easily have been trailing by two goals.

First escape was when Djordjevic slung a corner across the Olympic box and found Ian Hunter who got a head to the ball, only to see it roll across the full length of the cross-bar and out of harm's way.

And in the 10th minute, Hunter again was on the scene as he threatened the Olympic net with a smashing 22 metre hot-shot. Olympic's giant goal-keeper, Gary Meier, did well to save by dropping across to his left to freeze the ball inches off the line.

But Sydney Olympic got serious in the 14th minute when from a corner whacked in by Katholos, young Tony Dakos climbed up well to head in on target, but before the ball crossed the line, Marshall Soper got another touch to make sure of the goal.

Djordjevic two minutes later decided to test Meier again with a strong drive, but the big fella was on the ball in a flash.

From this moment on, the rest of the first half was sprinkled with some very rough tackles. Rough, needless and most of all, SENSELESS tackles.

The guilty Marconi "Whacker" is a top class player and does not need this in his game.

Raskopoulos and Patikas were the targets, so much so that Rasko had

to come off in the 35th minute and was replaced by Mike Coady.

Rizzotto received a heavy knock just above his left eye and had blurred vision, forcing the Marconi boss, Doug Collins, to replace him with striker Rod Brown.

Olympic clung to their one-goal lead at half-time although Jennings four minutes before the interval, let fly with a left-footed blaster from 10 metres out to bring a wonderful save by the Marconi goal-keeper, Bruce James.

Olympic should have had another goal in the 69th minute, when their usually very reliable central striker, Patterson, bombed an easy chance from only eight metres out after being set up with a great square-ball from Katholos.



Marshall Soper

Sydney Olympic's second goal came from Soper again with two minutes left when after a disastrous mix-up in the Marconi defence, Djordjevic tried to clear from inside the six-yard box with an overhead kick. He only managed to pop the ball up straight to Soper's head and Soper slammed his header from eight metres just inside the post.

After the match, Olympic's coach, Tommy Docherty commented: "We missed Raskopoulos' direction in the middle. Had he stayed on we would have knocked in another four or five. Anyhow it's three points and that's that."

A dejected Collins in the Marconi dressing room, lamented: "We were flat. What do you expect after playing on Friday night?"

MARCONI: James, Bozanic, Henderson, Budini, Rizzotto (Brown 39th m), McCulloch, Sermani, Carbone, Djordjevic, Janakovic, Hunter.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Dakos, Herbert, Jennings, Phillips, Raskopoulos (Coady 35th m), Katholos, Soper, Patterson.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc. **CROWD:** 4,623.



Tony Morsello (right) tries to round an Adelaide City player in Saturday's game at Pratten Park. Leichhardt won 2-0.

WOODHOUSE IN TOP FORM

by John Economos

Leichhardt picked up a most valuable three points when they downed visiting Adelaide City 2-0 at Pratten Park.

Playing at Sydney Olympic's ground because Lambert Park was declared unsuitable after a fire there last week, Leichhardt's strikers relished the wide open spaces of their adopted ground and repeatedly stretched Adcity on the flanks.

The first serious threat on the target came in the 14th minute when midfielder Terry Butler latched on to a square ball on the left and, from the edge of the penalty area, let fly a blaster that passed centimetres over the crossbar.

Seven minutes later, Leichhardt's brilliant right-back, young Paul Carter, raided down the wing and crossed to his little striker Tony Morsello on the near post. Morsello hit a shot hard and low but Adelaide's goalkeeper Willie McNally dropped well to save.

On the half hour, Butler again let fly with a screamer and again was so close to the target.

Leichhardt did get a goal after 35 minutes — but it came from Adelaide City's Bugsy Nyskohus who put into his own net.

Robbie De Ceglie busted down the left wing and whipped in a centre to the far post looking for "Chicka" Bradley but Nyskohus, under pressure, attempted a clearance only to see the ball ricochet into the goal.

In the first half, there was only one serious effort from the South Australian side: that was in the 42nd minute but the shot from Sergio Melta was atrociously wide from 15 metres.

One minute into the second half, Leichhardt sealed the match when they cracked their second goal. . . mainly due a magnificent effort from little link man Bradley.

Bradley, having a blinder, ducked and weaved out wide on the right and delivered a perfect centre deep to the far post where Peter Jones climbed high to head a great goal.

Referee Doug Rennie gave Adelaide City a penalty kick in the 54th minute when goal-

keeper Greg Woodhouse crashed into striker Steve Maxwell.

Joe Mullen took the penalty but Woodhouse managed to leap across like a cat to hold the shot in mid-air and deny Adcity a goal.

Woodhouse followed this save with another two when he held shots from Melta and Mullen with great ease to keep his cupboard clean.

Two minutes from the end, Bradley whacked a great left-footer on target but McNally pulled out an excellent save.

In the Adelaide dressing room afterwards, coach Bobby Ferguson spoke quietly but angrily: "We had chances but didn't take them." Questioned about what area he will concentrate on this week, he flashed back: "The transfer market!"

In the Leichhardt dressing room, coach Fil Bottalico said: "About time. We make the openings but we don't get the goals. We could have had

another three today but, believe me, I am happy with the 2-0 result."

Adelaide City have problems and, despite what most say, it is NOT in the forward line where there is good material in Leslie Carter, Steve Maxwell and Joe Mullen. Of course, these youngsters lack experience but the team's real problem is in midfield.

The midfielders lack bite in winning the ball.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, Carter, Bertogna, Pullen, Gray, Bradley, Butler, P. Tredinnick, Morsello, Jones (Mariani 80 mts), De Ceglie.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Cole, Banfield, B. Nyskohus, Northcote (Wright 84 mts), Melta, Dods, Maxwell, Mullen, Carter.
REFEREE: D. Rennie.
Crowd: 1,423.

SOUTH STARS HIT SKIDS

By Con Nicolopoulos

South Melbourne stars, Steve Blair, Bobby Russell, Alan Davidson and Kenny Murphy may have jeopardised their chances of making the national team for the games against England, with their mediocre performances since their selection in the squad.

Rale Rasic stated after South's 1-0 defeat by Wollongong that the four players may be among those to be axed in the weeks to come if they don't pull up their socks.

In spite of two successive defeats, Rasic dismissed suggestions that South's bubble has burst: "Although I am not pleased with the performances," Rasic said, "any judgment for the championship is terribly premature at this stage."

Around the corner Willie Wallace was full of praise for his Wolves, for they had followed his instructions to the letter. . . winning a first game in the championship.

Wallace admitted after the game that he played percentage Soccer relying on Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton who pressurised South's defence with their breakaways.

South Melbourne opened the game at a frantic pace and right on 60 seconds Wooddin hit the post with a header from close range from a Brown cross.

As Wollongong retreated into defence, South Melbourne carried the ball forward persistently aiming at finding the right gap to slide the ball into the net past Jim Preston.

But central defenders Dunleavy and Vlietstra stood firm and cleared danger right through the game.

South came close to grabbing the lead for the second time right on quarter time when Davidson, Murphy, Yzendorn and Halford exchanged the ball quickly and Halford unleashed a blistering shot

which bounced off the cross bar; Egan pressed forward to head the rebound and the ball sailed over.

Wallace's plans were somewhat altered in the 16th minute when midfielder Waldron was carried off the field injured. But substitute Phil Kerr fitted into the midfield compensating for Waldron's loss.

Rale Rasic replaced Steve Wooddin with Branko Buljevic in the 61st minute obviously disappointed by Wooddin's performance.

Buljevic exploited his skills to split Wollongong's defence to make space through the middle for Charlie Egan and Doug Brown.

Yzendorn and Steve Blair were both covering for Alan Davidson but found it difficult at times to control O'Connor and Cotton when the two broke forward through the middle.

It was one of those days — enabling O'Connor to score the winning goal. Cotton beat Steve Blair on a run and squared the ball inside the area. Yzendorn deflected the cross but only as far as the lurking Phil O'Connor who turned the ball into the net.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Xanthopoulos, Blair, Davidson, Halford, Murphy, Yzendorn, Wooddin (Buljevic 61m), Brown, Egan.

WOLLONGONG: Preston, Willis, Pollard, Dunleavy, Vlietstra, Ainsworth, Waldron (Kerr 16m), Fleming, Cotton, O'Connor, McBreen.

REFEREE: E. Venios.

CROWD: 4,000.



Leichhardt midfielder Peter Tredinnick on the move.

LIONS MAUL THE EAGLES

By Greg Russell

The promising young Brisbane Lions team continued its comeback by viciously tearing apart a jaded Footscray to win 5-0 at Richlands.

The young Lions even overcame the loss of experienced goalkeeper Nigel Lownds seven minutes into the second half when the score was 2-0.

Replacement striker, Calvin Daunt — a former junior goalkeeper was unexpectedly forced to play in goal.

But, apart from some early pressure he was seldom troubled as the Footscray team fell in a heap.

The Eagles never really got above half pace and were obviously still overcoming their fighting 1-1 draw with Sydney City on Friday night.

Footscray coach, Bobby McLachlan slammed the organisation of the National League and said it was "a disgrace" that his team had to play two games in three days.

"You need three or four days to get over a tough match like the one we had against Sydney City. We were razor sharp on Friday night but today we never got going," McLachlan said.

Lions, playing coach Simon Kistemaker's "hunting style" and man-to-man marking, sensed its advantage and towards the end could have buried the knife even further.

Even the setback of losing Lownds, could not dampen their confidence.

The former national squad keeper was carried from the field on a stretcher with a suspected broken elbow after he dived gamely at the feet of Jamie Paton in one of Footscray's rare attacks.

The Brisbane team got on the score sheet through a penalty in the 30th minute awarded after striker, Danny Wright, had been tackled by Suli Curovic.

It was one of a number of tough tackles on Wright as the Footscray defenders attempted to stop the threatening Young Socceroo.

But then it still took Lions captain Alan Niven two attempts to put the ball in the back of the net.

His first shot was brilliantly saved by Dennis Boland, who had an honest game despite the score. But the ball rebounded back to the former Socceroo who calmly slotted it into the other corner.

Lions, powered by a productive engine room that included Young Socceroo Russell Stewart, who is playing brilliantly, Steve Hogg, who got out of his sick bed to play, and the improving John Ogden, took control and sent the home team on its goal scoring spree.

Big Barry Kelso put the issue beyond doubt when he capitalised on a defensive mix-up that left him with the ball and only Boland to beat. He slotted it under the on coming keeper.

With Daunt in goal, Footscray still had a slight chance but after surviving an anxious 10 minutes, Lions were assured of the three points when Tutill powerfully headed a John Stewart cross into his own net.

In the 81st minute Danny Wright beat Boland while the Footscray defence stood still appealing for offside.

Three minutes later, Kelso got his second when he ran on to a Wright chip that had been parried by Boland.

Lions Lownds (Daunt 52), McSkimming, Hunter, Marszalek, Niven, Hogg, R. Stewart, Ogden, J. Stewart, Kelso, Wright.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Curovic, Kyriakouleas, Tutill, Hazabent, Blic, Taylor, Carroll, McLeod, Paton, Simic.

REFEREE: Allan Kibbler.

DJORDJEVIC STARS

by Keith Gilmour

John Djordjevic's unstoppable runs produced some of the highlights of a rousing National Soccer Cup encounter between Marconi and Brisbane City at Marconi Stadium on Friday night.

From the right wing he produced a quality of football that surely must class him as one of the best exponents of the game in Australia.

Marconi won 3-2 after the Gladiators had dominated the first half to lead 1-0 at the break.

Over the entire game the one goal margin did not provide the measure of difference between the teams because when Marconi got moving they could not be denied.

Joe Cairney and Steve

Glockner opened brightly at the front for Brisbane City.

After only 12 minutes Steve Perry came up to score after Cairney had flashed past Vic Bozanic and cut the ball back to Glockner and then on to Perry for a handy lead.

Marconi threatened to come back right on half time when Tom McCulloch missed in front and then Atti Carbone hit the bar from a splendid Ian Hunter centre.

It was a dominating Carbone who beat Peter Tokesi

up the left a minute after halftime to set the scene for a Marconi equaliser. Mark Jankovics summed up the situation in a flash by heading on for Tom Sermanni to pull the ball down and score his first goal in Australia.

Kim Wishart allowed the spinning ball and a loss of balance to force him to take the ball behind the line in the 62nd minute. The goal was Djordjevic's after Hunter and Bozanic had assisted.

Djordjevic completely took over and Hunter goaled brilliantly only to be ruled offside.

Towards the end Jankovics goaled for Marconi and then Billy Wilkinson for the

visitors for whom Tokesi, Frank Liddell, Billy Hamilton, Frank Pimblett, Glockner and Cairney and Wilkinson himself did well enough to indicate that Jim Hermiston has a capable team on the job.

MARCONI: James, Bozanic, Rizzotto, McCulloch, Henderson, Budini, Carbone, Sermanni, Hunter, Jankovics, Djordjevic.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Kowtan, Wilkinson, Tokesi, Perry, Liddell, Hamilton Pimblett, Williamson, Glockner (Bromfield 71m), Cairney.

Referee: D. Rennie.
Crowd: 2251 (double-header).

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Croatia Sydney v Blacktown City King Tomislav Park
Sutherland Shire v Avala Seymour Shaw Park
Auburn v Melita Eagles Mona Park

DIVISION 2

Round 7 — Saturday April 23

North Bankstown v Belmore Potts Park

Sunday April 24

Dee Why v Warringah N'been Graham Reserve
Blacktown United v Artarmon Francis Park
Fairy Meadow v Uni of NSW Police Boys Ground
Parramatta City v Revesby Workers Garside Park
Penrith United v Rockdale Cook Park
Gladesville Ravens v Wollongong United Peel Park

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Blacktown City v Polonia Gabbie Stadium

Sunday May 1

Manly Warringah v S.S.C. Yugal Cromer Park
Inter Monaro v Cant-M'ville Oly Marco Polo Oval
Ku-Ring-Gai v Bankstown Parklands Oval
Avala v Croatia Sydney Knight Park
Auburn v Sutherland Shire Mona Park

By Myles Hay

Down 1-0 at half-time, Adamstown switched Derek Todd from mid-field to lead their attack against Hamilton Red Star and the result was a convincing 3-2 win for the Rosebuds in the northern NSW Soccer series.

In a titanic struggle before a large crowd Red Star were by far the more convincing side in the opening half and deservedly led by an Alan Parkinson goal.

But when the skilful Todd moved into the attack after the interval, the previously tight Red Star defence became disjointed and goals were scored by Todd,

Richard Hartley and John Turnbull.

Red Star included former Australian and Newcastle KB United defender Colin Curran in their backline.

Curran played soundly though Adamstown's second half tactics saw teenager Ross Wells out on the right flank to create many problems for Curran and his co-defenders.

West Wallsend faced certain defeat when down two goals with only 10 minutes remaining against Central Coast Association.

But late goals by John Sneddon and Ian Johns brought relief in the form of a 2-2 draw against the improving visitors.

Last year's minor premiers Lake Macquarie were shocked by a powerful display from Highfield Azzurri who slammed three goals past the Lake's defence without reply.

Ross Lawrence, who scored two goals against Weston last weekend, notched another brace while Mark Vallone also netted.

Weston took their goal tally to 11 in two matches with a devastating 7-0 win over the struggling Tamworth City.

David Sweeney scored a hat trick for Weston in a sparkling display in which the Tamworth defenders were given an anxious time through his great speed.

Twenty year old Brad

Jones lived up to the promise he has shown with three goals when Belmont Swansea swamped Maitland by 4 goals to 1.

ADAMSTOWN 3 (Todd, Hartley, Turnbull) beat HAMILTON RED STAR 2 (Parkinson, True).

BELMONT SWANSEA 4 (Jones 3, Queenan) beat MAITLAND 1 (Foot).

HIGHFIELD AZZURI 3 (Lawrence 2, Vallone) beat LAKE MACQUARIE 0.

WESTON 7 (Sweeney 3, Stirrat, King, Taylor and Johns) beat TAMWORTH CITY 0.

WEST WALLSEND 2 (Sneddon, Johns) drew with CENTRAL COAST ASSOCIATION 2 (Eggleton, Mamo).

ILLAWARRA

By Phil Murphy

Illawarra Soccer officials have followed the example of the NSL by introducing three points for a win this season. Unfortunately not too many people knew about it on the first day of league matches.

At the Coniston-Fernhill game, there were different opinions as to whether the rule was officially in.

It didn't make any difference there as the teams played a 1-1 draw — they probably decided that was the safest course open to them.

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Wollongong United striker Roberto Giraldi is currently serving a six-game suspension after being sent off against Rockdale.

He had company in his early shower because his brother, Paul, was also sent off in the same game almost at the same time.

Referee Alex Morrison also waved the red card at two Rockdale players in what was a very fiery last 10 minutes.

Paul Giraldi was cleared on his send-off, saving coach Larry Ashbolt a really big problem because the brothers both play up front.

★ ★ ★

Bill De Graaf has finally signed with Fairy Meadow and officials feel this will mean promotion this season.

The former Wollongong City and Ringwood defender made his debut in the 3-2 win over Parramatta. The side has had two similar types of players at the back in recent times.

Former player-coach Hugh Tinney directed operations in that role and helped Fairy Meadow win three successive grand finals.

NOTEBOOK

Last season, Howard Hadley took over and once again the Meadow won a grand final.

Fairy Meadow are hoping De Graaf can go one better and use his experience to help the side win the title.

The former New Zealand international is always ready to help young players and his presence in Fairy Meadow's defence will be vital in the next few weeks.

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Wollongong United coach Larry Ashbolt is being hailed as a master tactician this season.

In three games, he has made replacements to get results, the latest being in the win over North Bankstown.

With the game scoreless and just 10 minutes to go, Ashbolt made the surprise decision to bring on full-back Wally Pasquale and it certainly paid off.

Pasquale grabbed a late goal and the Wollongong side won 1-0.

Pasquale came to United this season in a swap deal and is certain to prove useful to the club.

He had plenty of experience with Fairy Meadow before his transfer.

★ ★ ★

Tony Charnock has signed with Coniston for the rest of this season and won't forget his debut for a while.

Charnock played in a 1-1 draw against Fernhill — a game Coniston should have won about 5-1.

Charnock helped his side dominate midfield but chance after chance went begging and Fernhill grabbed a late equaliser to "get out of jail."

Last season Charnock played with Fairy Meadow before being put out on loan to Corrimal and his talent will be a big asset to Coniston.

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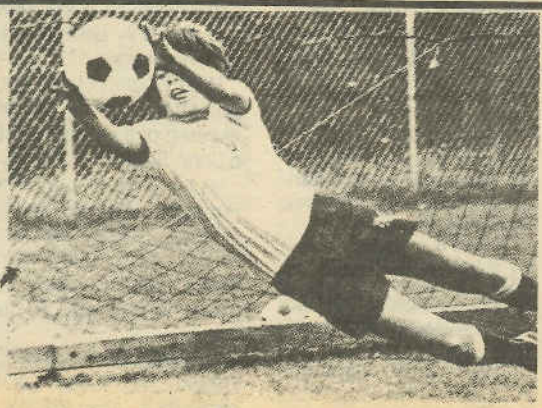
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BLACKTOWN TAKE OVER

by Andrew Paschalidis

BLACKTOWN lead the competition after a resounding victory against the previous leaders, Sutherland at the Gabbie Stadium 2-0.

Blacktown dominated the early stages of the game. Brogan drove the ball from 30 metres just over the bar. A shot from Rasmussen was saved by Haynes and in the 25th minute a defensive mix-up found Walker free, but his attempt was brushed around the post by Haynes.

Sutherland almost hit the lead after Groome found himself free on the right side of the penalty area, but his pile-driver was well held by Freeman. Half-time 0-0.

The first 30 minutes of the second half produced numerous scoring chances for both teams.

But, a combination of good goalkeeping and poor shooting helped to keep this period scoreless.

However, Blacktown finally got their scoring act together.

In the 75th minute, Stoddart beat the offside trap and dashed down the left flank. His cross to the unmarked Walker was slotted home.

Another splendid run from Stoddart to the by-line and subsequent pass to Kirwan was saved by Haynes.

The issue was put beyond doubt in the last minute of the game. A header from Wheatley in his own penalty area found McLachlan free. Wheatley sprinted through to meet McLachlan's return pass. He ran to the by-line and his cross was blocked, but the rebound was superbly put away from an acute angle by Wheatley.

Wheatley, who had a fine game in front of NSW coach John Wattiss and assistant National coach Raul Blanco, Stoddart in midfield and Walker up front all had excellent games for Blacktown.

Sutherland's outstanding players were Haynes in goal, Sharfegger in defence and Clinch up front.

BLACKTOWN: P. Freeman, R. Wheatley, T. Rasmussen, C. Pointer, W. Turnbull, S. Selva, P. Brogan, J. Stoddart, B. Walker, M. McLachlan, P. Kirwan.

SUTHERLAND: M. Haynes, B. Cashman, P. Terry (C. Rogers 75), A. Sharfegger, V. Dal Forno, G. Watkins, S. Meades (G. Knowles 87), M. Harrington, J. Webber, N. Groome, S. Clinch.

GOALS: Blacktown (Walker 75, Wheatley 89).

AVALA opened their account with a hard fought 1-0 win over Auburn at Knight Park.

Early in the game a hard shot from Townson was brilliantly pushed around the post by Ahrens.

Minutes later a fine Burrows header off a corner went just wide with the 'keeper beaten.

Midway through the half McDonald lobbed a free kick over the Avala wall and found Townson free, but his shot sailed over the bar.

A dashing run by Carney on the left flank and subsequent cross eluded the diving attempts of Townson and Allen.

Moments before the interval Karanfiloski almost put Avala ahead, but his diving header was just wide.

The standard of play deteriorated in the second half as Auburn lost their composure.

Avala sealed the game in the 77th minute. A free kick from outside the penalty area was headed against the crossbar by Karanfiloski. Fernandez met the ball with a spectacular diving header.

Auburn were well served by Kilkelly and Kelly (recently signed from Sydney Olympic) in defence.

Milne in defence and Karanfiloski and Burrows were always dangerous up front for Avala.

AUBURN: D. Bowman, M. Kelly, C. Quigley, T. Kilkelly, J. Planinic, M. Dale, L. Lunt, C. Townson, J. McDonald (T. Manargo 29), R. Carney, R. Allan (J. McCranor 71).

AVALA: P. Ahrens, J. Lembray, M. Barton, B. Patterson, G. Milne, H. Hosseini (B. Kodor 55), P. Burrows, G. Fernandez, A. Muniz (R. Yousuph 65), B. Karanfiloski, J. Rodriguez.

GOALS: Avala (Fernandez 77).

MELITA celebrated Maltese National day with an excellent 3-1 victory over the youthful Bankstown at Melita Stadium.

Melita dominated the game, but were faced with determined man-to-man marking from the Bankstown defence.

Melita hit the front through a "gift" goal after O'Neill attempted to pass back to his 'keeper only to see it go into goal.

Melita went further ahead two minutes after the interval through McKie after good lead up work by Cross and Farrugia.

Bankstown came close in the 55th minute, but McPherson saved a powerful York header.

McKie put the issue beyond doubt when he deflected a Farrugia free kick.

O'Neill pulled one back for Bankstown when he headed a free kick taken by Rootsey.

McGinn, Cross and Farrugia all had splendid games for Melita.

Rootsey, Bourke and O'Neill played strongly for Bankstown.

MELITA: A. McPherson, R. McPherson, M. Cross, P. Daley, R. McGinn, C. McAusland (E. Tesoro 79), D. Duarte, A. Jamieson, D. Allan (L. Chaloner 70), J. McKie, R. Farrugia.

BANKSTOWN: S. Giffin, C. Rootsey, R. Agostino, A. Beck, C. O'Neill, K. York, S. Blacktown, G. Hatton, B. Dalton (Sirett 71), A. Bourke (Kennedy 76), W. Brown.

GOALS: Melita (O'Neill o.g. McKie 47, 67), Bankstown (O'Neill 82).

INTER-MONARO continued their unbeaten record at home with a crushing 4-0 victory over Polonia at Marco Polo Oval.

Alan Reis starred for Monaro with a brilliant hat-trick in the first half.

Monaro hit the lead in the 15th minute after Monterosso's cross was crashed home by Reis.

Seconds later a fine run from Leith was eventually turned into a goal by Reis.

Reis completed his hat-trick minutes before the interval. Francis' pass found Reis free and he beat two defenders and slotted the ball home.

Reis was also involved in



Barry Walker (right) fights for possession.

the fourth goal when he beat two defenders and crossed the ball to Monterosso and he made no mistake from an acute angle.

Reis, Arguero and Leith shone for Monaro.

INTER-MONARO: G. Curcio, C. Leith, A. Charles, J. Santolin, M. Francis, M. Valeri, A. Monterosso, B. Willcox, J. Arguero, R. Popovic (R. Vieri 60), A. Reis.

POLONIA: A. Greenfield, I. Garlowski, R. Geekie, A. Galas, M. Czelisk (D. Thomas 35), C. Ortega, J. Terre, Z. Garlowski, H. Kowalczyk, K. Smith, M. Fuller.

KU-RING-GAI recorded their first win of the season in a game marred by the wet conditions at Parklands Oval.

Newly promoted striker Hunter put Ku-Ring-Gai into the lead in the 15th minute when he leapt high to meet a corner kick and headed into goal despite the valiant attempt by the 'keeper.

Yugal looked for the equaliser and it came after Pahor made a splendid run and was brought down inside the area. McIntosh made no mistake with the penalty.

Early after the break Eaton put Ku-Ring-Gai into the lead when he headed a cross from Regan.

Yugal pushed forward for the qualifier, but were thwarted by the strong defence of Ku-Ring-Gai.

Yugal were well served by McIntosh in defence,

Turkoglu played well in midfield and Pahor never stopped trying.

Ku-Ring-Gai's best were Berry in midfield, Hunter and Eaton was always a threat in front of goal.

KU-RING-GAI: P. Antman, D. Kevern (T. Gavin 75), D. Hammond, T. Jesse, A. Robertson, M. Berry, T. Bertram, A. Brockbank, S. Regan, C. Eaton, N. Hunter.

YUGAL: M. Wooten, M. Rendall, D. McIntosh, J. Clark, (S. Coldarevic), M. Turkoglu, J. Caracan, E. Pahor, J. Morsello (T. Mihaljovic 75), S. Babian, S. Tanoski.

GOALS: Ku-Ring-Gai (Hunter 15, Eaton 48) Yugal (McIntosh 43).

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	6	5	0	1	16	4	10
Melita	6	4	1	1	10	3	9
Sutherland	6	4	1	1	9	4	9
Inter-Monaro	6	2	2	2	11	8	6
Croatia	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Ku-Ring-Gai	5	1	3	1	5	5	5
Manly	5	2	1	2	8	10	5
Avala	6	1	3	2	4	9	5
Yugal	5	1	2	2	5	7	4
Bankstown	5	1	2	2	6	9	4
Polonia	5	0	3	2	7	12	3
Cant-M'ville	5	1	1	3	4	9	3
Auburn	4	0	0	4	3	11	0

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	6	5	1	0	17	6	11
Melita	6	4	2	0	22	10	10
Sutherland	6	4	0	2	10	4	8
Ku-Ring-Gai	5	3	1	1	12	3	7
Bankstown	5	3	2	0	13	6	7
Cant-M'ville	5	2	1	2	11	9	5
Croatia	3	2	1	0	8	6	5
Manly	5	2	0	3	7	10	4
Auburn	4	1	0	3	7	7	2
Avala	6	1	0	5	11	18	2
Yugal	5	1	0	4	3	21	2
Polonia	5	0	1	4	3	12	1
Inter-Monaro	6	0	1	5	6	19	1

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cant-M'ville	5	4	1	0	14	2	9
Sutherland	5	4	0	1	11	6	8
Melita	6	3	1	2	7	7	7
Manly	4	2	1	1	14	7	5
Blacktown	5	2	1	2	8	6	5
Polonia	4	3	0	1	5	5	5
Ku-Ring-Gai	5	2	0	3	7	9	4
Auburn	3	2	0	1	5	10	4
Croatia	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Bankstown	5	1	1	3	9	11	3
Avala	5	1	0	4	6	10	2
Yugal	4	0	0	4	1	12	0

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	6	5	1	0	12	5	11
W'gong Utd	6	4	1	1	12	5	9
Gladesville	5	4	0	1	13	8	8
Warr-N'been	5	3	1	1	11	4	7
Rockdale	5	3	1	1	11	8	7
Dee Why	6	3	1	2	10	11	7
Rev Workers	5	2	2	1	11	6	6
Artarmon	6	3	0	3	13	9	6
Penrith Utd	6	1	3	2	4	7	5
Blacktown Utd	5	1	1	3	5	6	3
Nth Bankstown	5	1	1	3	5	9	3
Parra City	6	0	2	4	5	9	3
Uni of NSW	5	0	1	4	2	10	1
Belmore	5	0	1	4	2	15	1

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'gong Utd	6	5	0	1	19	8	10
Fairy Meadow	6	3	2	1	16	10	8
Parra City	6	3	2	1	10	9	8
Gladesville	5	2	3	0	10	4	7
Penrith Utd	6	3	1	2	9	5	6
Rev Workers	5	3	0	2	9	5	6
Rockdale	5	2	1	2	10	7	5
Warr N'been	5	1	3	1	4	4	5
Artarmon	6	2	1	3	10	15	5
Uni of NSW	6	2	1	3	6	13	5
Nth Bankstown	5	1	2	2	6	9	4
Belmore	6	1	1	4	9	15	3
Dee Why	6	1	1	4	2	11	3
Blacktown Utd	5	1	0	4	3	9	2

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Penrith Utd	6	5	1	0	25	8	11
Fairy Meadow	6	5	0	1	29	10	10
Dee Why	6	4	1	1	14	10	9
Rockdale	5	3	1	1	7	7	7
Parra City	6	3	0	3	7	9	6
Warr N'been	5	2	1	2	13	11	5
Gladesville	5	1	3	1	8	6	5
Uni of NSW	6	1	3	2	4	7	5
Belmore	6	2	0	4	11	9	4
Nth Bankstown	5	2	0	3	9	10	4
W'gong Utd	6	1	2	3	8	12	4
Artarmon	6	1	2	3	10	15	4
Blacktown Utd	5	1	2	2	5	10	4
Rev Workers	6	1	0	5	4	24	2

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth Ryde	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
Bathurst '75	3	2	1	0	6	1	4
Kingsford	2	2	0	0	6	4	4
C'town City	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Queens Park ES	3	2	0	1	4	3	4
Gladesville Hby	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Lane Cove Utd	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Mt Druitt Twn	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Liverpool Albion	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
Bondi Marine	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Baulkham Hills	3	0	0	3	1	6	0
CSI	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
C'town City	3	3	0	0	7	2	6
Liverpool Albion	3	2	0	1	6	2	4
Bondi Marine	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Lane Cove Utd	3	1	1	1	7	3	3
Mt Druitt Twn	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Baulkham Hills	3	1	1	1	7	6	3
Queens Park	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
CSI	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Bathurst '75	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Nth Ryde	3	1	0	2	4	10	2
Gladesville Hby	2	0	0	2	0	5	0
Kingsford	2	0	0	2	0	10	0

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham Hills	3	3	0	0	9	1	6
C'town City	3	3	0	0	6	1	6
L'pool Albion	3	2	0	1	13	3	4
Mt Druitt Twn	3	2	0	1	8	3	4
Gladesville Hby	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Queens Park ES	3	2	0	1	7	4	4
Bondi Marine	3	1	0	2	6	2	2
CSI	3	1	0	2	4	11	2
Kingsford	2	0	1	0	2	6	1
Lane Cove Utd	3	0	1	2	2	12	1
Bathurst '75	3	0	0	3	2	8	0
Nth Ryde	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

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ARE YOUR SOCCER SQUADS INSURED?

FEDERATION TO ACT ON 'WOOD

By Andrew Paschalidis

The threat of serious financial insolvency caused by matters of which the committee had no knowledge forced NSW State League club Riverwood to disband.

Legal advice has been accepted from an expert organisation and now the responsibility is to maximise the club's only assets - the players.

Therefore the club had no option but to cease operating and place their players in the hands of the New South Wales Soccer Federation.

This action was taken for the sake of the players who have shown loyalty to the club in this difficult period. It is hoped that the NSW Federation can resolve this matter to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The real options open to them seem to be to obtain the real value of the players by transferring them now or loaning them for the balance of the season.

Riverwood Soccer club took all necessary steps to run the club with a change of name and a move to a new district which was full of support but they were unable to get approval from the NSWSF.

This decision by the Federation led Liverpool Council to doubt the wisdom of the move and they recently denied Riverwood the right to use Ernie Smith Reserve which is the home ground of the Southern District Soccer Association.

SDSA demonstrated their support of Riverwood by turning up at the important Council meeting with representatives of more than 24 clubs. In the crucial decision, opposition came from only three clubs to their proposed move.

Even though Riverwood realised there was opposition to the move they had continued to implement their youth policy and the third grade team was made up almost entirely of Liverpool players.

The result is not much short of tragic when you consider that the district is crying out for top class Soccer.

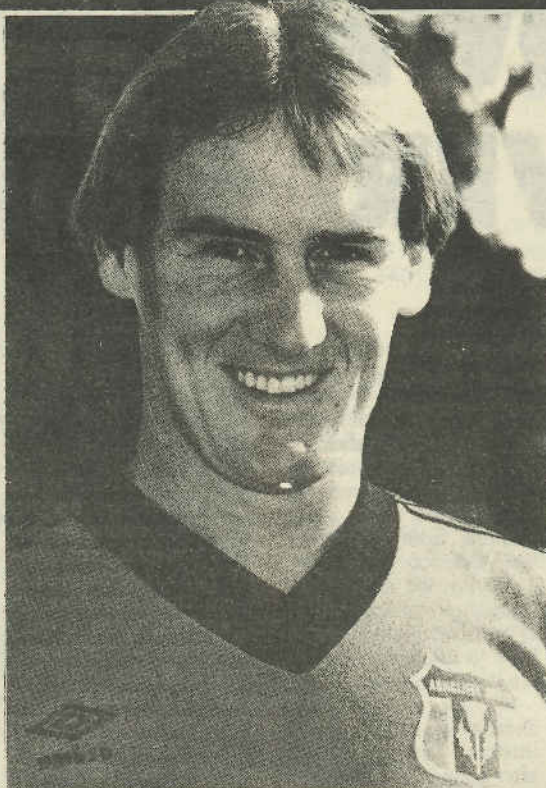
The code has taken a backward step through the

selfishness of two clubs in the Liverpool area.

Young players from the Liverpool area have been denied their best opportunity to advance plus the real possibility for the code to gain a district club with the potential to become a force.

Clubs that have already played Riverwood automatically lose points gained from their encounter. The position left in the league will not filled and any side scheduled to play Riverwood will be allotted a bye with no points being added.

So ends the short and successful reign of Riverwood, previously called Arncliffe Scots. From their foundation in 1965 they have climbed from the Inter-Urban 4th division to the 1st division in the State League which they reached in 1977. Last year they reached their pinnacle of success, coming equal first in the competition.



Peter Butcher, the long serving Riverwood player with a cloud over his future.

If the executive of the N.S.W.S.F. had made clearer and definite decisions to assist Riverwood, this unfortunate situation would never have occurred.

When you consider how the V.F.L. supported the ailing Sydney Swans in their move to Sydney and subsequent success, the end of Riverwood seems unjust.

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

Liverpool Rangers v Sth Sydney	1-1	1-0
Chullora v Roseberry	2-1	1-2
Dulwich Hill v Hellas Poseidon	4-3	2-1
Murray Farm Rgs v Nepean Rovers	1-1	0-0
Bl'town Workers v Rangers Hadjuk	1-5	1-1
Lithgow Workers v Colo Colo	2-1	0-3

RESULTS

1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III
Melita Eagles v Bankstown	3-1	2-2	1-1
Avala v Auburn	1-0	2-4	1-2
Inter-Monaro v Polonia	4-0	2-2	—
Ku-Ring-Gai v S.S.C. Yugal	2-1	8-1	4-0
Blacktown City v S'erland Shire	2-0	2-1	4-1

2ND DIVISION

Artamon v Dee Why	4-0	2-0	2-3
R'by Workers v Fairy Meadow	0-1	4-2	1-7
W'gah N'been v Penrith Utd	5-1	0-0	1-4
Blacktown Utd v Uni. of NSW	1-1	0-2	2-2
Parramatta City v Nth Bankstown	2-2	2-1	2-1
Wollongong Utd v Belmore	4-1	2-0	0-2
Rockdale v Gl'sville Ravens	4-2	1-1	1-4

3RD DIVISION

Queens Pk E/S v Bondi Marine	1-0	0-0	3-0
North Ryde v Mt Druitt Twn	1-1	0-3	1-2
C'belltown City v Bathurst '75	0-0	2-0	2-0
C.S.I. v Gl'sville Hby	0-2	1-0	0-3
L'pool Albion v Lane Cove Utd	1-1	2-1	11-1
Baulkham Hills v Kingsford	3-4	5-0	5-1

INTER URBAN — 1ST DIVISION

	I	II
Maroubra Utd v Spanish Club	4-0	3-0
Eastern Creek v Hurstville-Zagreb	2-0	5-1
Sydney Uni. v Concordia	2-0	2-0
Fairfield Kiev v Wenty Waratahs	1-1	3-2
Port Hacking v Fairfield West	1-1	1-3
Nineveh Eagles v King Tomislav	1-2	0-1

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

Chelsea v Moorebank	4-1	2-2
Sydney Maccabi v Chile Sports	N/A	
T'dinos Sports v Padstow Park	2-0	2-0
West St George v Pagewood	1-1	1-4
Eastwood S/A v West United	4-1	2-2

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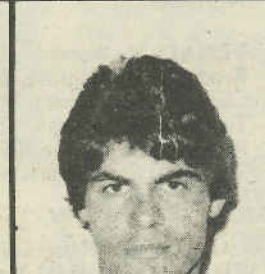
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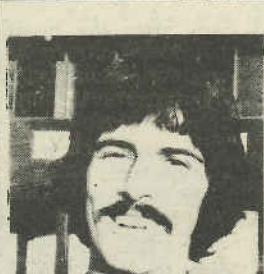
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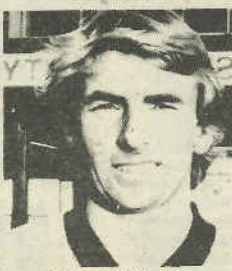
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SUSPENDED SIME MAY COACH

By Greg Russell

Brisbane Lions defender John Sime, signed only this year as a replacement for the injured Col Bennett, could prematurely move into coaching following his second suspension in less than two months.

Sime, the former Dundee, Brechin and Forfar player, was sent off for the second time in five matches when he played for the Lions reserve team in a Premier League match against Olympic at Richlands.

Despite allegations of referees paying the Scotsman special attention — he had received two red cards and five yellows in six matches. The Queensland Soccer Federation disciplinary committee ousted Sime for three weeks — one week more than the suspension he had just completed after being sent off for swearing at the linesmen in a local pre-season competition final.

Although Sime has continued training at Lions, the fact that he is no longer getting match payments — and so far been unable to get a job — has begun to make matters financially tight for Sime, who is attempting to establish his family here.

A coaching position with a prominent Premier League club was advertised recently and it is understood Sime, who at 32 realises his playing days are limited anyway, was seriously considering applying so as to have at least some form of income.

He must also realise that since he has been on the sidelines, young Allan Hunter has come into the National League team and has proved a very promising replacement. Even if Col Bennett could prove he was 200 per cent fit it would be hard to see Simon Kistemaker axing the 18-year-old on his recent performances. And Bennett is on the way back which will make things even harder for Sime once he returns from suspension.

As a coach he is certain to be a success as his attitude and effort on and off the field have been very professional. Although local referees obviously have found his style too aggressive for their liking, Sime has demonstrated he has a fine knowledge of the game and can command respect — two vital features for a coach.

Lions no doubt would offer Sime a coaching job if a vacancy existed, but at this stage are probably more interested in Sime as an experienced player to help develop the many youngsters at the club. Sime is expected to make a firm decision on his future within a month.

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Eastern Suburbs is proving the real surprise packet of the Queensland Soccer Federation's new Premier League.

Following very average pre-season form and its modest eighth position in last year's first division, the 1981 State League grand finalists were treated by many critics to be facing a tough year.

Boosted by the return of former captain Rod Stein they won the first three matches and after the third round were joint leaders with Mount Gravatt.

The opposition they defeated included teams expected to fare better than Easts. In their opening match the Tigers brushed aside Valley Trident, last year's State League knock-out semi-finalists, by two goals to nil. They followed that result with a 3-1 win over the much-fancied Acacia Ridge then made it a hat-trick of victories by beating Taringa 2-1.

Speedy striker Tony Bright has been causing most of the problems for opposing defences and after three games had scored four goals. Bright played in the East reserve team last year, and was their leading scorer.

It has only been under new coach Syd Tucker, the former Queensland player, that he has been given an extended run in the top side.

Former Queensland player Phil Thompson also has been largely responsible for the victories and has been dominating the midfield in Easts matches so far.

Thompson was in the Queensland team that took on Victoria in February but after an inglorious first half was taken off at half-time. However, he is a better player at top level than that

performance indicated and the former Mount Gravatt State League player is attempting to play his way back in Bruce Stowell's State Squad.

East play Brisbane Lions at Heath Park this Saturday and could register another two points. The young Lions team, affected by constant changes due to NSL team call ups, injuries and suspensions, have been unable to show the form that got the club to the State League grand final last year.

In other matches this weekend, Ipswich United and Olympic meet in what could be the game of the round, Grand Thistle play Taringa, Brisbane City takes on the improving North Star, Valleys face Acacia Ridge and Sunnyside tackle Mount Gravatt.



Col Bennett (left) about to tackle Sydney City captain Murray Barnes

WOLVES COACH ANGRY ABOUT A.I.S. MATCH

Wollongong Wolves youth team coach Wally Miller fired a broadside at the NSL over arrangements for his team's recent visit to Canberra to play the Australian Institute of Sport.

The game was played on a rough ground which badly needed mowing and Miller claims the arrangements were aslur on the Wollongong club.

He said he originally thought the game would be played at Bruce Stadium but there was an Athletics carnival being held there.

The second-choice ground was being used for a social match.

"We went past that ground and players were running about in all different coloured shirts," Miller said.

"My players had to

change in a basketball stadium and then travel three kilometres to the ground."

Miller said it is ludicrous to have young players when they are being groomed for NSL teams.

He said there were no benches so coaches and replacements had to sit on the ground and no ball boys: players often had to run up to 50 metres to get the ball.

Miller has asked his club to make an official complaint to the League so such a situation won't happen again.

Miller isn't complaining about the outcome of the game because he was very pleased with the way his players went in a scoreless draw.

He said AIS coach Jimmy Shoulder apologised to him about the conditions after the match.

"Shoulder was genuinely upset about what had happened and it was really tough on my boys after a four-hour coach trip," Miller said.

"I would hate to think a team from Canberra could come to Wollongong and be treated in this way."



Jim Shoulder

CROATIA ROCKS THE CHAMPIONS

By Van Diemen

Croatia-Glenorchy and Caledonians emerged winners on opening day of the Tasmanian Cadbury State League season.

Croatia beat the champions, Rapid-Wrest Point, 2-1 and Caledonians made White Eagles' prospects for the year look even bleaker than the weather, by winning 2-0.

The rain came down in buckets at South Hobart but there was a real lack of talent on view

Parker and Angel won the game for Caledonians with goals in the first 18 minutes.

Eagles rarely threatened and, even when they did, the agility of goalkeeper Di Venuto kept them at bay. He even saved a penalty at the end, taken incidentally, by Eagles' goalkeeper, John Michniewski.

Rapid had much of the play against Croatia but couldn't shoot accurately.

Time and again Rapid's forwards, with only the 'keeper to beat, chose to shoot high, enabling Smith to save.

Croatia relied mainly on quick breaks and several of these were well-executed, catching Rapid's defence either under-manned or square.

It was from one of these breaks that Thomas laid on a goal for Cahut, who had earlier been fouled, enabling Kirkpatrick to put Croatia in front with a penalty.

Blake scored for Rapid late in the game but it was much too late.

Q'LAND WRITES TO ASW

It was disappointing to read your front page headline and article on the Queensland vs New South Wales Interstate clash and its possible consequences when related to the National League and New South Wales Federation.

You might ask why we in Queensland are concerned and disappointed? The simple answer is the lack of balanced reporting on the matter.

Perhaps you might be interested in knowing it is the Centenary of Soccer in Queensland.

To complement the celebrations the Queensland Soccer Federation in July 1982 entered into negotiations with both Victoria and New South Wales to play full interstate matches.

Agreement was reached for Queensland to play Victoria on February 20 '83 and New South Wales on May 8 '83.

Part of the agreement requires both States in each instance to field their strongest teams.

Importantly, the National League and Australian Soccer Federation were

notified in writing on September 24 1982, of the dates and approval to proceed was given by both.

The Queensland Squad, referred to in another article on page 12 of the same issue, is in training for this important match as one of the highlights of our Centenary celebrations.

We in Queensland look forward to having as our guests the New South Wales Federation, their coach John Watkiss and all the players from New South Wales. We can assure them of a hard

tussle.

It would certainly please us now that the facts are known if the match could be promoted by the Australian Soccer Weekly rather than caned.

Alan J. Vessey
SECRETARY



SIX TEAMS ARE LEFT

By Steve Burns

Queanbeyan City have withdrawn from the ACT city first division competition because of insufficient players to meet the three team per club requirement of the ACT Soccer Federation.

Announcing this, ACT officials said Queanbeyan City ended up with 23 registered players.

The very minimum number regarded as acceptable to the ACTSF is 45.

However, in many respects Queanbeyan's withdrawal was no surprise to experienced officials.

They knew the withdrawal was imminent based on Queanbeyan's withdrawal last season from the NSW Southern League competition.

Queanbeyan, however, believed they could meet the 45 minimum player requirement, offering as background the explanation that many of their former juniors were now with Monaro and would return to them.

That did not happen.

And the withdrawal caused minimum inconvenience — apart from the scramble to achieve a complete new draw of fixtures — this task primarily falling on the shoulders of ACT Football League chairman, Jerry Martens.

Queanbeyan's withdrawal really only eliminated a weekly bye situation, reducing the city division from seven to six teams.

Officials said had Queanbeyan City — formerly known as Queanbeyan Macedonia — widened their base of appeal they would have gained sufficient players.

Restricting their appeal, however, to within the rather small ACT Queanbeyan and District Macedonian population did not make this possible.

Queanbeyan's withdrawal, of course, will be a boon to other ACT clubs.

Already clubs are chasing the best of the Queanbeyan players.

ROBSON TO ERASE BAD MEMORIES

England's dynamic captain Bryan Robson has mixed feelings whenever he hears the name of Australia mentioned.

by Tom Anderson

Unless Manchester United deem otherwise, mid-field dynamo Robson will most likely lead England on its tour of Australia in June and his thoughts will be wandering back to his first visit here in 1980.

The popular Manchester United midfielder was here with England for the Centenary game at the SCG several years ago.

He was in the process of recovering from a bad groin injury and his inclusion against the Socceroos was to test his fitness for the coming European Nations Cup Finals in Rome.

Ron Greenwood, England team manager at that time, had selected his squad for the finals - that is all but one midfield spot.

Also in contention for the position was Spurs elegant Glenn Hoddle.

Both these brilliant players lined-up for England against Wee Jimmy Rooney's Socceroos and were determined to make the most of the last chance.

I have never seen a player so determined and one who wanted to be included in a national squad so much as Robson was that night.

As usual Hoddle played his brilliant attacking game and Robson looked every inch a champion.

From the press box it looked like ball who would get the nod from Greenwood.

The England supremo declared that he would wait until he arrived back in London before he announced his decision.

But this was not to be!

Just before leaving the hotel to catch the plane back to England, Greenwood informed Robson that he had missed out and Hoddle was in the squad for Rome.



Glenn Hoddle

The young midfielder was devastated and I really felt for him when I saw him off.

Since then, of course, Bryan Robson has put all behind him. He was transferred from West Brom to Manchester United and he has been given the honor of captaining his country.

However, the injury bug struck Robson again recently and he has only just recovered from a bad ankle injury to play for Manchester United in the FA Cup semi-final against Arsenal at Villa Park.

This match, of course, was watched by Australian

sports fans on TV last Saturday night.

The week before, Robson made his return to the United team after the seven game absence and scored against Southampton at The Dell.

Born in the north east of England at Chester-le-Street, Robson 25, showed all the courage expected to overcome the odds and play well after such a long layoff.

Mind you he has had quite a few injuries during his career, including ankle injuries, three leg fractures, a broken nose and a broken hand.

That's enough to make

any player of less determination and ability give the game away!

But, Bryan Robson is a born champion and this is why United paid a record \$3 million for his transfer from West Brom.

While his ankle was in plaster during his recent injury Robson said he 'felt out of it' - especially with United playing in the Milk Cup Final where they were beaten 2-1 by Liverpool.

It was during this time he and his wife Denise and daughters Claire, two and a half and Charlotte, 10 months, accepted an invitation to spend a week in Italy with England teammate Trevor Francis, who plays with Sampdoria.

This break in a completely different environment did Robson the world of good and got him out of the doldrums and back to his usual self.

On the field Robson is aggressive and dominant, but off the field he is the complete family man - quiet and passive.

Present Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson knows all there is to know about Robson as Atkinson was his manager at West Brom.

And, really, it came as no surprise when the brilliant midfielder arrived at Old Trafford.

This was the best move Robson ever made as United is probably the finest club in England to play for.

Robson acknowledges the importance of being captain of England and is proud of his position.

He's also fiercely proud of being a Manchester United player.

Every soccer fan in Australia will be hoping that Bryan Robson will lead his team here in June.

And, if he does, I'm sure he'll erase all the bad memories of his first visit in 1980!



England's Bryan Robson (right) and Czech Chaloupka go up for the ball in a World Cup match in Spain last year.

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ASW'S PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

MICHAEL O'SHEA

In June at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Australia will be looking down the barrel of the England Shotgun when the two nations clash in an international series of three matches.

The outcome of this series, will largely depend upon Australia's defensive qualities against the might of the English attack.

Will Australia be able to hold out England?

One of the key positions that will contribute heavily to the result is centre-back.

At this stage Australia looks like having in this position St George's 23 year old strapping lad, Michael O'Shea, the "baby" of the St George "O'Shea Trifecta."

"Although he is the baby of the three brothers, he is very professional in his outlook and preparation towards the code.

"He works hard at his game; would die for the club, and is no problem to his coach OR team-mates. His concentration has improved out of sight in the last two years. He is strong in the air, his passing ability is very sound with both feet and the boy has formed an excellent partnership with his sweeper, David Ratcliffe."

THE "BABY" OF THE O'SHEA'S

By John Economos.

In 1981 the "O'Shea Trifecta" was lost to St George as they were sold as a package to Canberra Arrows.

St George spent one season in the NSW State League after being relegated in 1980.

When Saints won promotion back into the big business of NSL football, Arok's first priority was to

I switched our talk back to the local scene

"I feel this season's NSL is far more even than ever before. There is no runaway team this year.

"Of course Sydney City will be up there near the top. So will Saints and South Melbourne.

"I don't think West Adelaide will be strong enough to stay the distance.

"As I said before, this season is very different. Already we have had hard games and have been hit by Preston, Leichhardt and Newcastle hard.

The 23 year old turbo apprentice motor-mechanic, continued:

"You asked me whether I have any special treatment for special striker-opponents. No. Not at all. I treat them all as dangerous. All of them, no matter who they are."

Last year at the St George Stadium against Newcastle KB, Arok assigned Michael the task of looking after Liverpool's Craig Johnston who was guesting for KB.

"Sure Johnston is a good player. He has to be. He is wearing a Liverpool team-shirt in England, isn't he?

"I looked after him just as I would any other player. I had to. That was my job.

"I tried to shut him down as quickly as possible. Giving him space is asking for trouble. You saw the shot he hit on the turn from wide out?"

What are Michael's ultimate ambitions?

"To play for St George and Australia regularly if I'm good enough."

What are his thoughts on his coach Frank Arok?

"A real football pro. He is an excellent organiser and motivator.

"Arok is 90 per cent of St George. You can see that in his organisation of the team.

"He not only is a coach but runs the whole St George club and is an excellent P.R. man. A true football manager."

What else about Arok?

"He has the ability to make people listen to him. Something many other coaches fail to do. He demands a lot and gets it."

What's it like to be the pivot of the St George back-four?

"Really good. With Robbie on my left and Skeeny on the right and David Ratcliffe screening the lot of us, it is easy and a pleasure.

"We work as one unit and fight for one another all the time. That's why it is easy."

recall the "O'Shea components" so vital to the St George machine.

What does Michael think of his selection in the Australian squad?

"It is an honour. I know it was Arok's doing. I owe him plenty.

"There's nothing greater in Soccer than to be given the chance to wear the green and gold for Australia."

The giant centre-back continued: "But I have to be selected in the final team first. I would be very proud to represent Australia."

I queried Michael on the outcome of the coming England Test series.

"Well look. I know these guys who are coming are full-time pros. So what?

"What I really believe is that it is EFFORT on the day that counts. Our boys will do well against England. Wait and see. They will give it all they've got and more.

"Effort and keenness will play a very big part in balancing up the books."



Michael O'Shea shuts down Liverpool's Craig Johnston

Together with his two brothers, Johnny and Robbie, Michael was born and raised in the St George area and came through the local junior ranks.

Born in Kogarah, Michael began his Soccer career with St George junior club, Carss Park Under 8s, and then moved on to the Sans Souci club, another St George junior nursery.

Soon he was spotted by Ross Warren (Johnny Warren's eldest brother) and he drafted Michael into the St George Third Grade from where he graduated through the ranks till finally he made the first team.

Australia will be coached by Frank Arok, the current boss of St George.

So who better than to ask what Michael O'Shea is all about?

"I have selected Michael in the Australian training squad for many reasons.

"Obviously because I know him inside out and his full capabilities.

"But it's a little more than that.

Arok added: "Michael is above all, reliable and versatile. I would not hesitate to use him anywhere across the backline or in midfield.

"Although he is one of the youngest players in my first team, Michael will be one of St George's most valuable assets in years to come."

But let's now talk to Michael himself, usually a very quiet young man who goes about his business silently.

He picks up the striker he has to mark in a match, and glues his eyes on him with deadly seriousness, ready with his size 6 1/2 boots to tackle the enemy and come away with the ball... ready to knock it up front to his team-mates.

Who are Michael's Soccer idols?

"Franz Beckenbauer and Rudi Krol. Both are fabulous players and highly intelligent."

This partly explains why Michael's game, as well as his attitude, strives to be constructive in attack.

S.A. WANTS SOCCEROOS

By Tom McKain

If caretaker Socceroo coach Frank Arok wants a game for his squad before the England series in June, he could be accommodated by South Australia.

Fans, players and officials are still trying to work out what they've done to be ignored in the selection stakes since goalkeeper Martyn Crook pulled out with a knee injury.

"We have West Adelaide at the top of the table and Adelaide City joint fourth, but we can't get a player in the Socceroo squad," said SA Federation secretary Peter Nikolich.

"The National League is supposed to assist in the selection of national teams, and make it easier for the coach to pick a squad.

"SA is now worse off. Surely there must be at least one player from our two National League sides worth a place in the squad."

Asked if SA would be willing to field its State side against the Socceroos, Mr Nikolich said he would put the proposal to the Federation Board if Arok requested a game.

"These sort of games seldom draw large crowds, but for the sake of our players I think we would look



Sergio Melta

seriously at a match," he said.

West Adelaide's Alan Vest is also State coach, and he would have no trouble in mustering a squad to take on the Socceroos.

Vest has already been pushing for his big centre back Robbie Dunn to be considered for the Australian side, and has named City's Sergio Melta as a potential Socceroo midfielder.

At the moment SA's possible Socceroos appear to be confined to the Youth squad, with City striker Steve Maxwell in the training squad along with Azzurri goalkeeper David Miller.

City forward Joe Mullen, a Youth Socceroo until hit by an ankle injury, is back in action and starring for City along with defender Paul Shillabeer, who has been added to coach Les Scheinflug's "possible" list.



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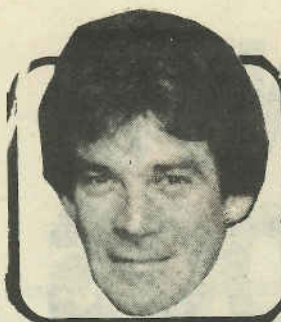
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Soccer is attracting many VIP's to its matches. The Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen recently attended one of Canberra Arrows home matches. Sir Ninian is introduced to Soccerroo midfielder Gary Byrne by Arrows' skipper Terry Byrne.

JAMES RUSE IN MAJOR UPSET

Meadowbank High, 1971 winners of the prestigious Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup, have been knocked out in the first round of this year's competition.

Meadowbank lost 2-1 to James Ruse High last week.

James Ruse now go on to meet last year's winners Marsden High in the second round.

Despite the cancellation of many games due to rain, most of the first round matches in this year's Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup, have been completed on time with the remainder to be decided this week.

In other first round results, Mt Druitt scored an incredible 16 goals in beating Katoomba 16-1, Northmead 4 downed Seven Hills 1, Picton 4 beat Camden 1, St Marys 3 defeated Bidwell 2 after extra time, Crows Nest 9 hammered Chatswood nil and Lumeah 1 beat Eldersley nil.

Last year's runners-up, Punchbowl, will meet Picnic Point (St George's Robbie Slater's old school) in one of the last remaining first round matches to be played this week.

As a matter of interest, Picnic Point headmaster is Ted Glossop, one of the most respected coaches in Rugby League with the Canterbury Club in Sydney.

EACH week we will keep you up to date with the latest results of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

We would also like to hear from schools regarding how your team fares. We would like team photos and individual player portraits, suitable for publication in ASW.

Schools can send this information to me at AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, P.O. Box 406 BROADWAY, NSW 2007.

The CHS Soccer committee announced the following 10 boys had won scholarships to our Johnny Warren Soccer Academy at Gold Creek Homestead, Canberra, during the May school holidays.

They are Gary Belcastro (Riverstone High), John Baker (Riverstone High), Hilary Yeaman (Camden), Billy Mannix (Blacktown), Adam Merhab (Mt Druitt), Robert Beechy (Blackett), David Barrett (Five Dock), John Gibson (Campsie), Chris Prommestad (Homebush), Clive Harrison (Doonside).

BALL JUGGLER WINS PRIZE

Mark Markezic won the ACT ball juggling competition organised by Canberra Arrows.

He is pictured juggling the ball and also receiving his prize — a trip to Melbourne — from Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen.

Mark plays for Belnorth Under 7s.



COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP

The annual knock-out competition for New South Wales State High Schools



A naturally elated Marsden skipper Brian Dene proudly holds the Commonwealth Bank Cup aloft after his side had upset pre-match favourites Punchbowl to win the 1982 Commonwealth Bank Final 1-0.

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Australian Soccer Weekly is offering its young readers the chance to win scholarships to my Soccerroo Academy at my property Gold Creek Homestead, just outside of Canberra, during the forthcoming school holidays.

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Last year 10 of the young Australian Soccer players in England on Stephens Travel U.K Youth Soccer Holidays went to see Liverpool's fourth round FA Cup tie against Stoke City at Anfield.

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Craig really looked after the boys. He introduced them to the Liverpool board members, club officials and players, including Phil Neal and Graham

Souness.

They were then taken to the trophy room and were photographed holding the English League Championship trophy which nowadays seldom leaves its 'home' at Anfield.

The young Aussies then saw Kenny Dalglish score a great goal which enabled the 'Reds' to go through into the next round of the

Cup.

Similar surprises and experiences are in store for youngsters travelling to England with Stephens U.K. Soccer holidays this year. Stephens Soccer man John Lane, Phone Sydney 231-3833, will be able to answer any queries young readers and their parents may have on this Soccer trip of a life time.



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INDOOR SOCCER COMING SOON

By Jock Stephen

In about two months the State Indoor Sports Centre at the former Olympic Swimming Pool will be open for business in Batman Avenue, Melbourne.

Many of Australia's swimming and diving team at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics will have fond memories of Dawn Fraser, John Devitt, Murray Rose, Jon and Lisa Conrads, and their Gold Medals successes.

Now the needs are different, and the Victorian Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation in 1977 saw the need for a conversion to a modern indoor sports Centre.

The enormous enthusiasm for Indoor Soccer these days, saw the sport included in the list among netball, basketball, badminton, volleyball, tennis, gymnastics, hockey, and lacrosse.

One must commend the Public Works Department for their part in the reconstruction job.

Everything has been put on a first class footing with a carpeted sports floor, with the spectator area for up to 7,000 people also being carpeted.

The specially designed sports floor of International standard measures 71 metres by 29 metres. A minimum height to the ceiling trusses is 13 metres.

All lighting will reach an intensity suitable for colour TV transmission.

A computer controlled scoreboard will suit every one of the 30 sports which may be required in the future.

Naturally, all parts of the building will be fully air-conditioned, ensuring full comfort for both competitors and spectators, and of course the Centre will cater for band concerts, Pop concerts, ice shows, and other forms of entertainment.

The Victorian Soccer Federation are aware of the immense value of publicity indoor Soccer can give the sport.

Concert goers will find that the acoustics of the new Centre are extremely good, and with special consideration being given to an entrance for the handicapped, everyone will be made comfortable.

I can envisage full use of a Soccer setup in the summer and winter too, under the control of the Victorian Soccer Federation, naturally.

The official opening deserves to be quite a glamorous affair

Ah, Ahmed!

Ahmed Awad, the Egyptian international whose contract with Heidelberg was cancelled last week, continues his search for gold at Middle Park.

Having failed to reach an agreement with Marconi, he is now trying his luck with South Melbourne.

Rasic confirmed that the player has turned up for training, but refused to comment further.

"All I can say at this stage is that I have given Awad permission to train with the team", said Rasic.

"I am not prepared to speculate about his future or about our interest in him"

FOOTSCRAY STAR MOVING

Jim Kondarios has started counting his days at Footscray.

The long serving centre-half is at logger heads with the Committee and has demanded his clearance to continue his Soccer career elsewhere.

By Con Nikolopoulos

Kondarios' discontent results from the miserable performances of the team in the opening rounds of the championship.

During an unusual outburst, he informed his committee: "I am not prepared to carry on with the team which has received so much battering in the few weeks of competition."

"I am not prepared to play with the same players" he is alleged to have told his committee. "I want to move out before it is too late."

Club president Zika Karic has expressed disappointment with the player's outburst, but he said "the committee will let him exercise their options."

"If Jim wants to go, he can. He has been placed

By Con Nikolopoulos

stage is that Andrew is a Soccer player with enough potential to win himself a permanent position in our team."

Heap joined South Melbourne from Tasmanian State League club Juventus, where he played as a forward.

Height, aggressiveness and skills, are his obvious attributes. Time will tell whether he will be able to exploit them fruitfully to build his name in Australian Soccer.

on the transfer list and if the right offer is made to the club, we will release him automatically."

"We appreciate the service Jim has given to the club, both in the State and in the National League. But we do not intend to keep him at Schintler Reserve against his wishes."

Also on the transfer list are Kondarios' partner in the centre of the defence, Jim O'Reilly, forward Mendo Ristovski, and goalkeeper Milutin Ciric.

The sell out is part of the major revamp the committee planned at the beginning of the season. Says, Zika Karic: "The release of these players is in line with our long term plans for the club. It is impossible to keep everybody there if there is not room for them"

Desperate defence in front of goal as Peter Lewis (Green Gully) makes an attempt to stop an attack while Stuart Cannell adds his weight to the defence. Also in the picture (left to right) are Steve Gojevic (Melbourne Croatia), Ante Bilaver and Croatian winger Tommy Cumming. Photo by Australian Soccer Weekly photographer JOHN PUNSHON.

Heap of talent

Tasmanian forward Andrew Heap is set to become a permanent at South Melbourne.

Although his debut with South in the State League was not very impressive, the wise heads at Middle Park think Heap "is a Soccer player"

"The player is not fully fit, yet", said Rale Rasic, "and any judgement of his performance last week against a difficult opponent will be very premature as well as unfair to him"

"All I can say at this

Zinni has his fingers crossed

By Peter Desira

ANDREW Zinni is clinging to a vain hope of getting a telegram asking him to join the Australian Youth team for the final training camp in May.

The Juventus striker has made a brilliant start to the season and has been the main reason behind the club's sudden surge to the top of the State League.

But his chances of joining the squad appear slim at best even though Tony Boggi, Les Scheinflug's advisor in Melbourne has been pushing for his inclusion.

"I have been told there is a possibility I may be called up. While that chance exists I won't give up hope because my greatest ambition has been to make the team Zinni told me this week."

The youngster has an ankle injury which requires rest to heal properly but he has soldiered on to keep his hopes alive.

"I tore ankle ligaments after a heavy tackle early in the season. The ankle swelled up and still hasn't gone down completely. I have to strap it heavily at training and for matches but I have been able to play with it so I'm not complaining."

Zinni joined Juventus from Port Melbourne juniors and hit four goals in 10 league appearances for the club last season.

But he did not really come to the fore until the Ampol Cup this year - immediately after returning from a six week stint at Roma in Italy.

"I asked to train with the Italian squad when they were in Melbourne for the World Youth

Championship in October 1981.

Italy's coach Italo Accuncia said he was pleased with my ability and told me to contact him if ever I went to Italy and wanted to train with a club over there.

"I made up my mind to go last year and when I rang him, Accuncia said he could fix me up with any Serie A team that I wanted. I have relatives in Rome so he got me a trial there."

"Romeo Benetti, who played for Italy so many times, is the coach of Roma's Primavera team and I really found the stay beneficial - so I suppose I have him to thank for getting this far."

What the youngster omitted to mention is that Benetti would have offered him a longer stay if Zinni wanted but according to Andrew's father the youngster was keen to return home to Melbourne to pursue his Soccer career here and to start a course in architecture at Melbourne University.

Tony Boggi, who was responsible for his move from Port to Juve says Zinni is the best youngster to emerge from the junior ranks in recent years, while Preston's coach Peter Ollerton describes him as the fastest player in Victoria.

Zinni has in fact only recently given up athletics after competing in track and field events for a number of years.

But whatever the locals are saying, everything rests on whether Scheinflug goes against his better judgement not to upset the present squad by throwing in such a strong contender in the final training camp.

"He (Zinni) is very unlucky to have come on the scene at such a late stage and mainly to come up against such a formidable set of great forwards we already have in the squad," Scheinflug said last week.

"Tony (Boggi) has been talking of him very highly apparently he (Zinni) is putting on some very good performances."

"I suppose he may be in with a chance but really it's so late in the preparations stage."

SOCCER ON 3UZ

Don't miss Buffalo Sport's Soccer Round-up on 3UZ every Friday night at 8 o'clock.

The program, which is backed by the Victorian Soccer Federation, introduces players, officials and soccer personalities to a large listening each week.

Among those who have appeared on the show since it kicked-off last month are Pat Daly, of the Victorian Women's Soccer Association, Iane Whilton, managing director of Buffalo Sports, Lew Stafrace, a member of the VSF board, Branko Culina, last year's Metro League player of the year, Steve Williams, committeeman of Northcote City, Peter Desira, of The Sun newspaper, coaching director Tim White, and John Dimtsis, president of the VSF.

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Falcons ready to swoop again

THE next three weeks will start sorting out the men from the boys in the State League according to Morwell Falcons coach, Tony Boggi.

"Positions in the League at this early stage can be misleading but by the first week of May we should get a clearer picture of who'll be fighting for the Championship and who'll be involved in the battle for survival," Boggi told me.

Falcons have made an excellent start to the season and were unbeaten after four rounds.

"At this stage it's hard to know if we have enough talent to win the League. I believe we need one or at the most two more players to be a top team," said the coach.

By Peter Desira

Boggi says his present squad will test any side "when they put it on" but says that early season games have been average despite the results.

"The thing I am very pleased about is that I have three very good forwards in Alun Evans, Bobby McGuinness and Noel Mitten.

"It's impossible to mark all three in a game and anyone that gets given an inch can punish a side as Bobby has proved in the matches against Doveton and Hellas."

Boggi won't say where he wants to strengthen the side but there seems little doubt the area he is

unhappy with is at fullback

He has a liking for overlappers to aid the attack but neither of the present pair - Grant Smart and Jim Train - have the stamina to cope with those demands

Morwell at one stage showed interest in Albion's transfer listed defender Gary Cutler but the club has to create a temporary visa vacancy to accommodate him and officials have no idea when it will become available since they can't get any response from the Immigration Department on Tommy Lakey who is hopeful of being granted permanent residency status

WE'LL MISS JIM

The great Australian and Heidelberg defender, Jim Tansey (right), will be missed by his fans at Olympic Village, Heidelberg. Here he is seen under pressure from Baz Glampaolo (left), of Leichhardt. Photo by Australian Soccer Weekly photographer JOHN PUNSHON.

JOHN'S UP FOR GRABS

JOHN Mihalidis may be lost to Australian Soccer now that he has won his battle to get away from Heidelberg.

The youngster who returned for the second year at the Institute of Sport through the sheer frustration of being unable to get a release, is now looking at Greece to pursue his career - probably because the Heidelberg incident has disillusioned him as far as Australian Soccer is concerned

The 19 year old was promoted to Heidelberg's senior side by Jimmy Rooney and made three National League appearances in 1981

But the youngster has been at loggerheads with the club since he moved up to Canberra at the end of that year to join the Institute of Sport

The Bergers, fast gaining a bad reputation over the dealings with several of their players, have tried to force him to return on a number of occasions and would have prevented him from moving to another club with a massive transfer fee.

The situation has been resolved by John's father who has bought out the contract from the club at his own expense.

A second division club in Greece has shown in-

By Peter Desira

terest in him and he may decide to go over before the start of their season in September

That's unless another club can sway him to stay and give him a better deal than the one he got at Heidelberg

With no transfer fee involved the prospects should not be bad for the youngster

Another player at the Institute holding a free release is Lucio Fabrizio who has been showing good form for the AIS team in the NSL's Youth League

Chris may join South

Former Heidelberg winger Chris Bekiaris, is likely to join South Melbourne.

The player has obtained his clearance from Heidelberg and it is odds on that the move to Middle Park will be made during the week.

Bekiaris played nine games under Len McKendry and was hailed by many the successor of Andrew Bouzikas on the right flank of the team.

The prophecies were denied, however, and the speedy winger is looking forward to a new career with South Melbourne. —

CON NIKOLOPOULOS

Tansey will be back

By Con Nikolopoulos

"I shall return".

If you think this is General McArthur issuing a warning in his usual pompous style, you are wrong.

It is Heidelberg left full back Jim Tansey, declaring defiance of his ill fortune, which keeps impeding him from re-establishing himself as a regular in the Heidelberg side.

Tansey suffered another setback in his illustrious career, from a nasty accident in the National Cup game against West Adelaide.

"I fell awkwardly over Graham Heys" he recalls "and shattered both bones in my left arm"

"But I shall return", he reaffirmed. "I was given permission by the doctors to start training this week and I feel confident in a month I will be vying for my position in the squad"

It is not very long since Jimmy Tansey picked up the pieces of his career and made a tremendous comeback after a knee restructuring operation which kept him sidelined for almost a year.

"I do wonder at times why it is all happening to me. I missed most of last year and now that I have settled in the side and started enjoying my game, there comes the second blow. Thank God, I am thankful, however, this is not as bad as the knee injury. At least, this one allows me to train regularly and prepare for yet another comeback"

Tansey admits, it will be difficult to break in to the side now that John Spanos has moved in the left full back position.

"Competition has always been fierce" he asserts "because of the success of the team in the National League. Yes, I know I will have to fight to win back my position, but I am prepared for it. Don't forget this is not the first time, I went through the motions before, coming from a longer lay-off"

So, the predictions for early retirement, have no application in Tansey's case.

The iron defender with the disarming smile starts

training next week obviously prepared to defy his ill fortune.

Eric's not coming

ERIC Sinclair, the Dundee striker who was to join Footscray at the end of the British Soccer season, will not be coming to Australia after all.

Sinclair, who toured Australia with Dundee in 1979 and played against Victoria at Olympic Park, has bought his own pub in Scotland and will play out the remainder of his career probably in one of the lower divisions.

The striker is to be given a free transfer in recognition of his lengthy service at the Scottish Premier League club.

The irony of it all is Sinclair would have been over here if Dundee had released him in February as planned because at that time he had agreed and was ready to fly out to join Footscray in time for the Ampol Cup.

But at that stage Dundee was still in danger of relegation and Sinclair agreed to stay on to play his part in the battle for survival.

Footscray coach Bobby McLachlan, who had been dealing with Sinclair, is not unduly perturbed by the situation and has already found a big name replacement to fill the temporary visa spot Sinclair was going to occupy.

But the club is unwilling to release names at the moment having learned their lesson from the Alan Boath incident.

Boath, the New Zealand captain, was supposedly going to join Footscray but State League club Melbourne Croatia joined the race for his signature once it became known he was available for transfer

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Victoria to give titles a shake

VICTORIA is about to give the National Youth Championship one almighty shake in a bid to recapture the title that has slipped away from the southern State after a period of dominance in the early seventies.

State Director of Coaching Tim White has been combing all the Leagues in search for talent and has come up with a formidable set of names to represent Victoria and possibly become the backbone for the next Youth Soccerroo team carrying Australia's hopes for the 1985 World Youth Championship.

"I think we'll do well. I'm not making any rash predictions because there will be a lot of good teams at the Championship. But I think we have enough talent to take out the title."

"Most of the players I have are playing a good level of Soccer already although they are still in the 16 age bracket. Playing good competitive Soccer every week is a big help," White said.

The Championship is being held in Canberra starting Wednesday 18 May through till the Sunday.

National coach Les Scheinflug will be unable to attend as he will be in charge of the current Soccerroo Youth team playing in Costa Rica on its way to the World Youth Cup finals in Mexico.

But Scheinflug will have his representative there in Jim Shoulder who has been instructed to pick the initial squad of 40 players to start the long road towards qualification for the next World series.



Australian Soccer Weekly's PETER DESIRA looks at the forthcoming National Youth Championships

And this year should see a crop of NSL coaches converging on Canberra for that week since the National Championship provides the ideal scouting ground for clubs who will not in two years time be able to turn overseas in search for recruits.

"Up till now we have very rarely seen NSL coaches but they really should make an effort to get there considering the best youngsters in the country will be on show."

"The coaches have to start looking for local talent and it's obvious that is the ideal place," White said.

The State coach was to finalise his Squad after a training match against South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park in mid-week - but he knows by and large the players who will carry Victoria's hopes on their shoulders.

Two of his defenders hail from Box Hill - the club which has become the most prolific producer and developer of players from the junior ranks.

They are central defender John Gabrielson and fullback Alan Roodhouse, both of whom have already played for the Hillmen in senior competition in the first division and the pre-season Buffalo Cup.

South Melbourne's massive changeover to a Youth policy has given John Kanasoulis an early taste of State League Soccer - and the youngster is another certainty

for the Vic side as a midfielder.

At Melbourne Croatia striker Robert Markovac was given his senior initiation by coach John Gardiner in the closing stages of a State League game against Northcote.

But it is not only State League clubs which are producing the talent.

"I spotted a big lad playing for the Amateur League Select against Bendigo at the end of last year and have included him in my plans," White said.

His name is Nick Karantonis, he is only 16 and plays for Lyndale in the Provisional League. He is as raw as anything but he'll take on anybody over 20 yards, scores goals, and I believe he is going to be some player.

"Bill Mills (the Lyndale coach) is working on him so he is in good hands."

Also from the Provisional league is striker Theo Mitsou from Clarinda Mordialloc.

From the Metropolitan League, the coach has picked up goalkeeper Mirko Runje and sweeper Aki Kotzamichalis both regulars at Springvale City, and Con Kiakos a South Oakleigh midfielder described as the hottest property in the third division.

The two Victorians at the Institute of Sport Warren Spink and White's own son Darryn - are also certainties for the squad.

Others in the running are goalkeeper Tony Costa of Fawkner, Claude Ilian and John Mitakis (Heidelberg), fullback Tom McMorrow (Albion), David Azzopardi and Craig Davidson (Box Hill), and midfielder Dominic Ruccia of Juventus.

The squad will be training once weekly until the start of the May school holidays. Then White plans to train the squad every day for a week before the team flies up to Canberra for the Championship.



NEW SIGNINGS

Three new midfielder signings. (Left to right) Oscar Crino and Ken Murphy (South Melbourne), and Zarko Odzakovic (Preston).

Australian Soccer Weekly's ace photographer JOHN PUNSHON captured this dramatic picture during a National League Cup match at Middle Park.

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ANOTHER NEW BOY

George Campbell, the new Preston signing, is fitting well into the National League side. Here he is being pursued by another newcomer, Bobby Russell, of South Melbourne. Photo by ASW's JOHN PUNSHON

Scott makes it happen

By Con Nikolopoulos

Making his debut in the National League, was the fulfillment of a life-long ambition, for former Box Hill forward Scott Patterson.

The robust forward lined-up with Heidelberg against the champions Sydney City, and can safely claim his share of the glory from their home win.

"I am thrilled," he told me after the game. "Playing in the National League is every player's ambition and I am thankful I have been given the opportunity to fulfil my personal ambition."

He was quick to point out, however that he has a long way to go, yet.

I have a lot to learn he stated. "It is a different ball game, which differs fundamentally from the State League. The pace is faster, the skills are superior, the tackling is harder and the competition is a lot more fierce."

Patterson scored 19 goals last year and Ken

Morton counts on his contribution to increase the low goal tally of his team.

"I know what my coach is expecting from me and I will endeavour to compensate him for his faith in me," says Patterson.

The fact, that he occupies the spot held, until recently, by Australia's most prolific goal scorer, Gary Cole, does not seem to affect Patterson.

"I admire Gary for his remarkable achievements in Australian Soccer, and I am proud we belong to the same company," he says.

"His record is unique and I doubt whether any forward will be able to match it, let alone break it. I think of the responsibilities the position bestows on every player, but I try not to let it bother me."

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MARK JANKOVICS ... A JUNIOR WHO MADE GOOD

Mark Jankovics is one of the National Soccer League's all-time leading goal scorers.

He interested me particularly because he came through the ranks in the same way as so many young players are doing today.

The goals are coming again with Marconi Soccer Club, where he has teamed up with two players who have come through the ranks in Rod Brown and Rene Licata.

Mark was born on April 5, 1957. His younger days were spent at Ermington, and he now resides at Carlingford.

He is a partner in a chain of popular sports stores with two others who made their name in soccer — Gary Fairclough and Glen Borwick.

Mark's playing career started with Dundas United and progressed through Granville RSL until he came to Marsfield as an under 16. The Marsfield Soccer Club has now been renamed Ryde District Panthers.

Yugal was his next club. He was then picked out by St George and joined them for 2½ seasons.

This is his sixth year with Marconi, where he has won many honours.

In his earlier years he played representative foot-

By Ken Clancy

ball for Granville District and for the NSW Schools.

Mark appeared in the Tasman Cup (now Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup) in those days also.

I asked him various questions about his views on football and his career.

Q: Which team-mates did you enjoy playing with most?

A: Among the top ones were Roberto Vieri, Jimmy Rooney and Eddie Krncevic.

Q: Who had the biggest influence on your career?

A: My father and Rale Rasic. When I came to Marconi from St George Rale had me playing the best football I have played. I also respect Les Scheinfug and Dom Kapetanovic, and I am settling down well under the new Marconi coach, Doug Collins.

Q: What about Rudi Gutendorf?

A: I'll pass that one. He knew a lot about football, but changed his mind too often.

Q: Most feared opponent?

A: I don't really fear any opposition player as they all only have two legs the same as me.

Q: Most remembered games?

A: The game against Cosmos was really special when I flicked the ball on for "Hendo" to score the winning goal. When we played Norwich City and beat them 4-1 was also a highlight. That day I scored a goal and helped to set up the other three.

Q: What ambitions are in store for you?

A: To play to the best of my ability for as long as possible. It would be terrific to be able to play for Australia in the next World Cup in 1986.

Q: How long will you continue playing?

A: As long as I am enjoying the game.

Q: Should the National Soccer League continue in its present form?

A: Yes. It is the highest standard of soccer and should be kept going as long as possible.

Q: What is the highest standard of soccer and should be kept going as long as possible.

A: Marconi Stadium and Olympic Park in Melbourne. I also like playing on the Sydney Sports Ground. The Sydney Cricket Ground is too much like cement for me.

Q: Favorite other sports?

A: I also like playing tennis and surfing.



Mark Jankovics ... wearing the Australian colors.

MID-STATE LEAGUE

The NSW Mid-State Soccer League made more gains than losses for the current season.

Mudgee and Parkes entered first grade and Wellington upgraded from reserve grade only to field teams in both first and reserve grades.

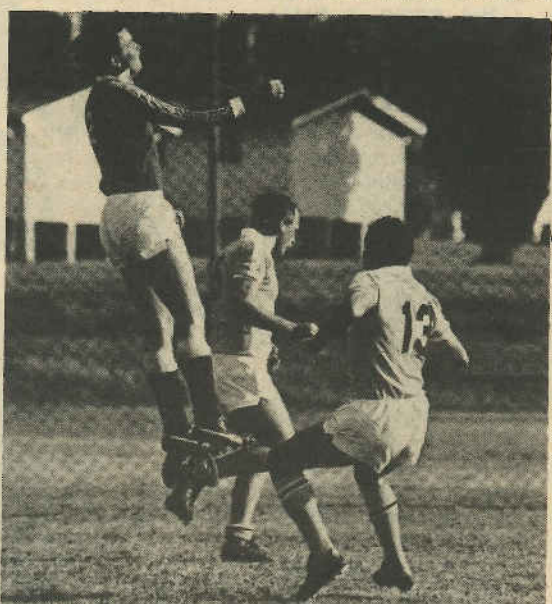
Unfortunately both Bathurst Boomerangs and Blayney were casualties for the year.

The main effect of the drought on availability of grounds was felt, strangely

enough, in the big centres of Bathurst and Orange.

In these cases, restricted competitions only can be conducted so that the grounds do not lose their grass surfaces entirely.

However, Western NSW secretary Michael Bray reports that grounds have been passed for use in Dubbo, Forbes, Parkes and Cudal by the local authorities.



A Navy defender soars above RAAF forwards Paul Rhodes (No 5) and John Harris (No 13) to make his clearance.

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KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 3, Easter Monday

GROUP A	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Ku-ring-gai v Granville	2-2	1-1	0-6	K'gai
Central Coast v Melita	4-1	5-0	3-3	4-0
Auburn v Canterbury	2-3	1-2	4-1	1-1
Manly v St George				washed out
Blacktown Assn, bye				

GROUP B	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Southern Dists v Gladesville	0-1	2-1	2-1	0-0
Polonia v APIA	2-1	0-3	1-1	0-6
Illawarra v Sydney City	3-0	1-0	1-0	1-1
Croatia v Sutherland	0-0	1-6	0-6	1-2
North Bankstown, bye				

GROUP C	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Blacktown City v Baulkham Hills	4-0	2-1	3-0	0-0
Bankstown v Sydney Olympic	0-5	3-4	0-11	0-6
Nepean v Marconi	1-0	3-1	1-6	1-1
Canterbury-Marr & Avala, byes				

NSW "ATTACK" YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 5

GROUP A	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Ku-Ring-Gai v Canterbury	2-1	1-3	2-5	0-2
Central Coast v St George	2-3	1-1	0-4	2-3
Auburn v Manly	2-1	0-2	1-0	1-1
Blacktown Assn v Melita	0-1	1-4	2-2	2-1
Granville, bye				

GROUP B	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Southern Dists v Sydney City	1-0	2-0	0-1	1-0
Polonia v Sutherland	3-1	0-1	1-1	0-6
Illawarra v Croatia	10-0	2-0	2-1	2-1
Nth Bankstown v APIA	1-3	0-2	0-5	0-13
Gladesville, bye				

GROUP C	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Bl'town City v Syd Olympic	1-4	0-1	0-0	1-6
Bankstown v Nepean	0-0	2-1	2-4	1-1
Canterbury-Marr v Avala	0-5	2-0	3-1	1-1
Baulkham Hills v Macarthur	BH	1-1	0-2	1-1
Marconi, bye				

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONS FOR U10, 11, 12
COMMENCE SUNDAY, APRIL 24

U/13:
GROUP A: Central Coast 8, Ku-Ring-Gai 7, St George 7, Auburn 7, Manly 6, Blacktown Assn 6, Granville 3, Canterbury 2, Melita 2.
GROUP B: Illawarra 9, Polonia 8, Gladesville 8, Southern Dists 7, Sutherland 6, Croatia 5, APIA 4, Nth Bankstown 3, Sydney City 0.
GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 10, Bankstown 7, Nepean 7, Blacktown City 6, Canterbury-Marr 4, Avala 4, Baulkham Hills 4, Marconi 2.

U/14:
GROUP A: Granville 7, Manly 7, Canterbury 7, Ku-Ring-Gai 6, St George 6, Central Coast 5, Auburn 5, Blacktown Assn 3, Melita 2.
GROUP B: Southern Dists 10, Sutherland 10, APIA 8, Polonia 5, Illawarra 5, Gladesville 5, Croatia 3, Nth Bankstown 2, Sydney City 2.
GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 7, Nepean 7, Canterbury-Marr 7, Marconi 5, Blacktown City 5, Bankstown 5, Baulkham Hills 4, Avala 3, Macarthur 1.

U/15:
GROUP A: Granville 10, Auburn 8, Canterbury 6, Ku-Ring-Gai 6, Central Coast 3, Manly 3, Blacktown Assn 3, Melita 3.
GROUP B: APIA 9, Polonia 8, Sutherland 8, Illawarra 7, Southern Dists 5, Gladesville 4, Croatia 4, Nth Bankstown 3, Sydney City 2.
GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 8, Avala 8, Marconi 7, Baulkham Hills 6, Blacktown City 5, Nepean 4, Canterbury-Marr 4, Macarthur 2, Bankstown 0.

U/16:
GROUP A: St George 8, Ku-ring-gai 7, Canterbury 7, Central Coast 6, Auburn 6, Manly 5, Blacktown Assn 4, Melita 1.
GROUP B: APIA 10, Sutherland 8, Southern Dists 7, Gladesville 7, Illawarra 6, Sydney City 5, North Bankstown 4, Croatia 3, Polonia 0.
GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 10, Canterbury-Marr 7, Avala 7, Baulkham Hills 5, Marconi 5, Nepean 4, Blacktown City 3, Bankstown 2, Macarthur 1.

VICTORIANS COULD LEARN FROM NSW

By Keth Gilmour

Over the past two years the Victorian Junior League management committee has been particularly invited through these columns to examine the NSW, Northern NSW, Queensland and ACT method of building player strength amongst the youngsters.

This line was followed because a far greater proportion of juniors in these States play soccer than in Victoria.

Our issue of October 19, 1982 devoted a full page to a comparison of overall playing numbers between NSW-Northern NSW-ACT on one hand and Victoria on the other.

Due weight was given to the problem that Victorian Soccer has in competing with Australian Rules as against the lesser degree of competition with other codes experienced elsewhere.

There is no doubt that Victorian coaches do well in polishing up their representative teams. Victoria, at senior level, is producing some fine players.

But the sport requires tens of thousands of participants in junior clubs and schools throughout

every suburb and town in every State.

There are proven systems available that should help Victoria no end.

So far there has been only limited response to our suggestions. In some cases we have only heard emphasised what cannot be done.

But there is no reason to doubt that what has been accomplished elsewhere CAN BE DONE in Victoria with far greater success than has been realised so far.

One of the key ingredients is decentralisation.

Progress has occurred in Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, Shepparton, the Latrobe and a few other towns. But it is only the tip of the iceberg.

Why couldn't three or four JLMC members come to Sydney right at the height of the junior season

in May, June or July for two weekends and the weekdays between to check the position?

Perhaps the VSF would assist with travel costs.

McCulloch, Rod Brown, Slater . . .



Ku-ring-gai secretary
Rod Woods

660 TEAMS AT KU-RING-GAI

Kur-Ring-Gai and District Soccer Association increased its team entries from 640 to 660 for the 1983 season. Entries to all-age competitions ended at only two off the hundred.

That meant 40 Premier League competitions of 10 teams each, and an equal number in the reserve grades.

Then comes two nine-team single divisions. Under eight and nine grades each field from 110 to 120 teams.

Association secretary Rod Woods hopes that use of the McDonalds Soccerroo Super Skills Coaching Book will pay big dividends.

"We have purchased 400 of these excellent books and will present a copy to every team coach up to under 11 grade," he said.

"By next year, we could well have proved that this move should be followed by other Associations throughout the country."

KIWI VISITORS

The ACT Academy of Soccer Under-14 squad will play a New Zealand Canterbury District Association team in Canberra during the May school holidays.

Originally the Canterbury team was to play Canberra side Weston Creek, who had to decline the invitation at the last minute.

It will be the Academy's first "international" since its formation two years ago.

The Canterbury side is making an Australian tour — combining sightseeing with Soccer.

They will play one game only in the ACT.

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AUBURN'S PLAYER DEVELOPMENT RECORD

Auburn Soccer club, for years one of the pillars of the NSW State League, has become one of the best feeders of talent in the State.

Research of club records by Robert Wozniak produced an impressive list of talented youngsters.

Tommy McCulloch, the Young Soccerroo sweeper and skipper for the World Youth Cup finals in Mexico in June, was an Auburn first grader at 16. He is now a fine midfielder with Marconi in the National Soccer League.

Tom represented NSW at U16 and U19, national coach Les Scheinflug classifies him as a talent who would be able to hold his place in the senior national team already.

Rod Brown, the ginger-haired Young Soccerroo striker, played in Auburn's third and first grade teams before winning a place at the Australian Institute of Sport.

His hard running, strong shot and powerful head were noted by Marconi, who paid \$10,000 to sign him from Auburn.

One of the best young full-backs in Australia is Paul Carter of Leichhardt, who came from Bankstown Assn. to Auburn and worked up through the ranks from under 15 to first grade.

Paul represented Australia as an under 16 in the winning of the Lions Cup tournament in Singapore and has been chosen for the NSW squad for the Queensland match in Brisbane on May 8.

Robbie Slater, St George's dangerous forward, was with Auburn also. Robbie missed a place when the Young Soccerroos played in Acapulco. It was thought that he would not perform well in the rarified atmosphere of Mexico City, but he is making a valiant bid to win back his place and go to the finals.

When it comes to an elegant sweeper, you do not have to look much further than Paul Daley, currently in Melita Eagles' first team. Paul was picked

out by the Eagles from Auburn's third team.

Michael McLaughlin has won a place as a striker with Blacktown City. He was a Gladesville product who moved to Auburn thirds and then to the AIS.

He represented NSW at under 16 and under 19 levels and is a member of the Australian Youth squad.

Darren McInerney is a capable full-back and another Gladesville product. He is in Auburn's first team and is another to represent his State both as an under 16 and under 19 player.

Auburn's first grade goalie David Bowman came through the ranks.

Brett Woods, the NSW State League under 21 player of the year in 1982, graduated through Auburn club from under 14 to the first team.

He captained Australia in the Lions Cup in Singapore and was in his country's squad in the 1981 World Youth Cup.

For the past two years Brett has been a leading light with the strong Sydney Croatia team.

Some players have slipped through Auburn's fingers without making their mark, but these have been few indeed.

One was John Thiering, a midfielder of top potential, who decided not to go on to the honours which would certainly have been his for the asking.

Here is a list of many more youngsters who have done well through the Auburn ranks:—

Rohan George (Full-back)

Auburn — U/15, U/16, 3rd, 2nd, 1st Grade. Currently involved with University studies but will resume with Auburn in 1984.

Neil Walker (Goalkeeper)

Auburn — U/14, U/15, U/16, 3rd, 2nd, 1st Grade.



Tommy McCulloch . . . in action for Marconi against Brisbane Lions in the NSL.

Currently 2nd Grade goalkeeper at Auburn.

Glen Johnson (Full-back)

Auburn — U/15, U/16, 3rd, 2nd, 1st Grade. Rep. Honours — NSW Fed U/15. Currently 2nd Grade Captain, with Auburn.

George Fernandez (Midfield)

Auburn — U/16 Currently 1st grade at Avala. Rep. Honours — NSW Schoolboys; State U/19 — 1981.

Craig Jones (Midfield)

Auburn — U/15, U/16, 3rd, 2nd, 1st Grade. Rep. Honours — NSW Schoolboys. Currently 2nd Grade with Auburn.

Slav Planinic (stopper)

Auburn — U/15, U/16, 3rd, 2nd, 1st Grade. Currently 1st Grade with Auburn.

Trevor Ormrod (Fullback)

Auburn — U/14, U/15, U/16, 3rd grade. Currently 2nd Grade at Melita — 1982 Player of the Year.

Scott Spalding (Striker)

Auburn — U/14, U/15, U/16, 3rd Grade. Rep. Honours — NSW Fed. U/16. Currently with Liverpool Robins.

David Smirthwate (Mid-

field)

Auburn — U/15, U/16, 3rd, 2nd, 1st Grade. Currently with Marconi's Youth Squad.

Mark Wilson (Goalkeeper)

Auburn — U/15, U/16, 3rd Grade. Currently U/16 Goalkeeper with Auburn.

Tim Morrison (Fullback)

Auburn — U/15, U/16, 3rd Grade. Currently in Auburn's 3rd Grade.

John Hardwick (Fullback)

Auburn — 3rd, 1st Grade. Rep. Honours — NSW CHS Team. Currently 1st Grade at Auburn.

David Bobinac (Midfield)

Auburn — 3rd, 1st Grade. Currently 1st Grade at Auburn.

Tony McDermid (Midfield)

Auburn — 3rd, 2nd, 1st Grade. Currently 1st Grade at Auburn.

Some of the players who appeared to have real promise but either retired or went to amateur district football are goalkeeper Jason Bogatai, full-back Robert Luke, stopper Dean Edmunds, striker



Robbie Slater

Darryl Easton, right winger Larry Smith, David Vidaic and Neil Blundell.

Auburn's record in the Youth grades shows the value of working with the youngsters with a genuine development program.

The club won the premiership and championship for third grade in both 1980 and 1981.

In these years, they fielded entirely different squads, with only two exceptions.

In 1980, Auburn also won the Sydney Metropolitan Championship.

UNDER 18 TITLES

By Steve Burns

Arrangements are now complete for the Australian Under-18 National Championships in Canberra from May 18 to 22.

President of the ACT Soccer Federation, Roger Grylls, said all teams would be accommodated at Canberra's Gowrie Hostel — within walking distance of the ground for preliminary round games.

These games, on May 18, 19 and 20, will be played at O'Connor Oval — starting at 9.30 am, 11 am, 2 pm and 3.30 pm each day.

"The play-off for the bottom four positions will be held on the Bruce Stadium warm-up pitch on Saturday, May 21," Mr Grylls said.

"The first of these begins at 10 am.

"The first semi-final will be on the main stadium the same day at 2 pm with the second beginning at 4 pm".

Finals day is Sunday, May 22.

The play-offs for 7th and 8th and 5th and 6th positions will be held on the warm-up pitch at 10 am onwards with the play-off for 3rd and 4th position on the main Bruce Stadium at 11.30 am.

The 1983 Under-18 final begins at 1.30 pm — the early kick off being necessary to enable all visiting teams to catch connecting flights that night.

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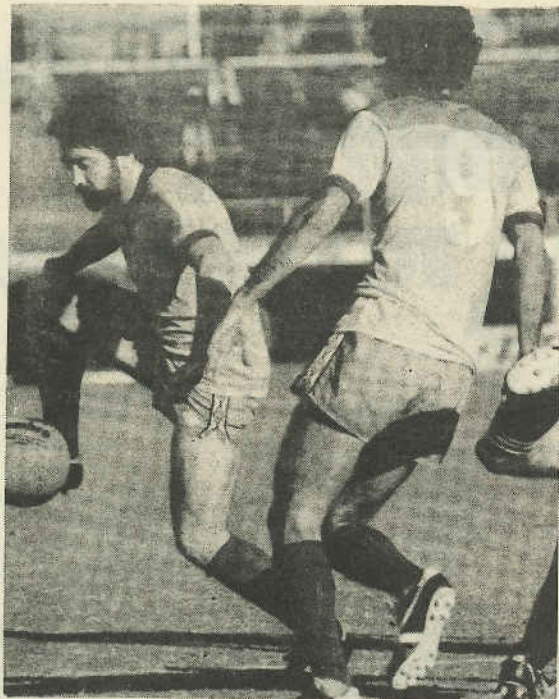
Three boys have won scholarships donated by Don Camerons Unit Services to attend the Pacific Soccer Camp during the May school holidays.

Don Cameron said: "After having discussions with camp director Richard Alagich and seeing the quality of the program I am happy to be the major sponsor."

Don Cameron runs one of the biggest home unit management businesses in New South Wales. The three boys who will attend to live in Pacific Soccer Camp in May are Aaron Brown, 11, of Balmain, Adam Wells, 15, of Panania and Con Karakontis, 17, of Earlwood.

The Camp will be held at Sydney University.

AUST CHIT-CHAT



Joe Watson shows his skill on the ball.

Joe Watson of Sydney City is pleased as punch to be in Australia's squad for the internationals against England — but how many people know he nearly had to give up Soccer 10 years ago?

"Jinky" had severe back trouble when he was playing in the UK with Nottingham Forest and Dundee United. This meant an operation to cut into his spine and he was told he would never play again. He was warned there was only a 50-50 chance of success in the operation but he survived to make a brilliant comeback as a star of Australian Soccer.

Tommy Docherty was asked how he felt about facing his old pal Doug Collins in a battle of coaches in the Marconi - Sydney Olympic match. Said The Doc: "Matches are won by players — not by coaches."

Collins first became friendly with Tommy Docherty when The Doc's son Michael played in the same Burnley team as Collins. Collins was also assistant coach to The Doc at Derby County.

Plenty of Melbourne folk were staggered when Mike Valentine won a place in Australia's national squad while his Heidelberg teammate Jimmy Campbell could only make it to the stand-by squad.

"Campbell is the finest midfield player in Australia — bar none — and Valentine is only just finding his feet in the NSL," said one respected critic.

David Lowe of Newcastle KB United is much admired by St George coach Frank Arok. "He plays in the style of Kenny Dalglish," said Arok. That's quite a compliment for a youngster just coming into the game.



David Lowe,

As soon as it was known that the vandalised Lambert Park would not be ready for Leichhardt's home game against Adelaide City, State League club Manly jumped in with an offer to loan Leichhardt the well-appointed Cromer Park at Dee Why.

Although Leichhardt preferred to use Pratten Park, the friendly gesture from Manly is worth recording. Incidentally, there is a very large Italian community in Brookvale and Manly... and they might have turned out in huge

numbers to see Leichhardt in a NSL game on their own doorstep.

Rale Rasic will be the happiest coach in Australia if South Melbourne win the title.

Rasic will get a big bonus cheque. This was confirmed last week to ASW in Sydney by a top administrator from South Melbourne.

Australia's Youth International and Sydney Olympic midfielder Jim Patikas, will soon be a businessman. He is opening a sportswear shop at Ashfield's new shopping centre.

Martyn Crook, Soccerroo and West Adelaide goalkeeper, may be back on the training track in three weeks.

After an exploratory operation on his injured knee, medics have told him he has a torn cartilage which will heal itself with rest.

"I'm resting, and should be able to train again at the end of the month," Crook said.

Adelaide City baptised their imported Italian shirts in the home game against Marconi.

They had to get the shirts from Italy as local suppliers could not provide their black and white horizontal stripes.

Johnny Perin, former Adelaide City star then coach, is set for a comeback in the State League.

After parting company with City this year, he joined Beograd as skills coach for their juniors, turned out in a trial, and is tipped to be a regular sweeper in the Rothmans League First Division, although he is being cautious and saying only "we'll see how we go".

Jimmy Wright, one of the five players transfer-listed by Adelaide City coach Bobby Ferguson, could be back in the NSL squad this week.

The former Scottish professional has been burning on the right wing for the reserve team in the SA State League Second Division.

Ferguson has told Wright, Johnny Nyskohus, Chris Manou, Charlie Villani and Chris Miller that if they picked up their form and fitness he would take them off the list.

Nyskohus is already back as a substitute.

Big Pat Stanley is back in Soccer. Pat, former Leeds United veteran (with over 200 games to his credit) and ex-Sydney first division player, was also one of the founding directors of Canberra's NSL team — then Canberra City.

He'd also coached and played for Croatia — and after a while out of the game Pat has now returned as coach for the second time. While he doesn't expect overnight miracles, he's confident Croatia will have a good year in Canberra's new ACT country division.



Col Bennett, the man Brisbane Lions need badly to tighten the defence, has resumed training. However his back trouble is not over yet, so it may be a while before the former Soccerroo iron man is ready to take his place in the team.

Women in Soccer

By Don Balmain

Recent heavy rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of the supporters who turned out to see the opening of the Budgewoi Soccer club's own Soccer complex.

Situated at Buff Point on the Central Coast of NSW near Gosford, the president of the club, Brian Pembry, in his address of welcome before the staging of three exhibition games, said that the club had worked hard to achieve what he hoped was the forerunner of a complex with their own club and amenities and a field of true international standard.

A special welcome was extended to a team from the Mount Penang Training centre. Mr Pembry said that it was the club's policy to co-operate with all Soccer bodies and his committee was always willing to hear from any group planning a special event or match.

The president paid tribute to the Newcastle KB United club who had sent their top team to Budgewoi to play against the Northern NSW Federation representative side.

Proceedings were commenced in inclement weather at 11.30 am when the Mayor of Wyong Shire, Cr Tim Farrell, complimented the club for its initiative in working towards the day's events.

Bob Earle, the manager of Radio 2GO, also spoke and said that his station was always willing to promote any function of this nature.

The afternoon commenced with a special match between the Central Coast women's representative team and the Manly-Warringah women's rep. side for the Russo Cup.

Playing of the Russo Cup is an annual event between the two sides and is on a home and away basis.

Played early in the year with neither team fully fit, the game resulted in a win for Manly-Warringah.

One of the star players for the Central Coast was Renaye Iserif who took the field at half-time and scored a goal for her side.

The most remarkable thing about this goal was that it was scored by Renaye who had driven from Syd-

ney International airport that morning after arriving with the winning women's Australian side from Hawaii only three hours before playing.

The other scorer for the Central Coast was Gail Manson.

Good football was played in atrocious conditions. Although Manly-Warringah women's team won the game 3-2, there was nothing in it and it could have gone either way.

Scorers for the Manly team were: Lynn McLean; Janeene Riddington and Carol Proctor.

Gosford Rangers 2 defeated the Budgewoi Premier League 1 and with the field well and truly churned up in this game, the organisers had no alternative but to call it quits for the day.

The Watson Shield, a pre-season contest played in Brisbane, was held at the South Queensland women's home grounds at Geebung.

With a trophy provided by the then president of the South Queensland Women's Soccer Association, Elaine Watson, as an incentive for the teams to get match fitness prior to the season, the Shield has grown from only a few participants to a record number of teams this year.

This year the contest was divided, with the winners of games playing for the Shield and the losers drawn into a Consolation Cup.

The games were played at Dutton Park and resulted in a win to Eastern Suburbs over Riverside, 3-0.

All three goals were scored by Australian player, Leanne Priestly.

The Consolation Cup was won by Coal Stars who defeated the University team, 1-0.

The competition proper started in Brisbane on 10th April with four divisions of seniors and two of juniors.

There are 27 teams in the senior division and 10 in the juniors this year.

Of note is the transfer of Tina Roberts from North Queensland to the Eastern Suburbs club in Brisbane. Tina was the captain of the northern side in the National titles in 1982.

Marise Stevens, the Public Relations Officer for the Queensland Women's Association told me that the South Queensland State squad is busy training already. Marise says that Fred Robins has them going through their paces at Dutton Park each Friday night for two hours. The squad has been in training since February.

Julie Lubin is the new secretary of the Queensland Association with yet another player turning to administrative work when Terri McQueen took on the position of assistant fixture officer.

ROTHMANS YEARBOOK ON SALE

The 1982-83 Rothmans Football Yearbook is now on sale.

This edition includes a complete run down of World Cup qualifying matches and results, scorers and team line-ups at the 1982 finals in Spain.

Apart from the British club scene there is also information concerning European competitions at club and international level.

Career appearances and goalscoring records of current Football League players are listed together with results of all full matches played by England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland.

If you want a copy of the Yearbook then go along to Frank Mathias Newsagency at 715 George Street, Sydney. It sells for \$18.50.

READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

The press always rave on about how spiralling air costs are crippling the NSL. This they've been saying for many years. As the League enters its seventh season I laugh at the oversight of so many people involved in the game. If flying a team of 12 costs so much, then why not take a cheaper, even if a "little", inconvenient measure. "Coach" them, (Pardon the pun). Here's how it would work:

- Every club buys its own motor coach, or charters one. This immediately cuts out airfares.
- Sydney clubs are already using coaches for provincial matches and those provincial clubs (Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra) do likewise when trekking to the Big Smoke.
- If clubs had their own coach, the only remaining costs would be petrol, mechanics and extra accommodations. The extra travelling time will wear some players out somewhat, but a solid workout on arrival should help.
- Even though it would take some energy out of the players, regular individual exercises (such as sit-ups, push-ups) on the bus at least would keep the adrenalin flowing.

These exercises couldn't be done by every player at once, but a roster can overcome the problem of lack of space. People will say these ideas are far-fetched and will sound ridiculous at first, but I must confess that I "borrowed" them from an article published by an international airline on how to combat jet-lag.

Even a couple of stops so the "lads" can stretch their legs would ease the "bus-lag".

These thoughts are adventurous I know, but all this talk about regionalisation of the League frustrates me when this magnificent competition of ours can be preserved if only the top-bods would use a bit of imagination and initiative. Most clubs now have adequate financial sponsors; why not utilise them a little?

J. P.
Seven Hills, NSW

Recently I received in the mail a copy of your paper. I understand this was to promote your paper to prospective purchasers and build sales.

I have been purchasing your newspaper from its first edition. The reason I am writing to you is on promotion of sales.

Your paper continues to ignore an area of many prospective purchasers and that is State League Div 3 and Interurban Div 1-5.

These divisions would cover over 4,000 players, officials and supporters in the adult area who have the necessary 80c to purchase.

I think that space could be found for these 6 divisions without changing the format of your layout.

I am connected with a team in Interurban 1 (Port Hacking) and I have often heard players of this club expressing their disappointment in this regard.

Cleo Kennedy,
CRONULLA.

Message of Thanks

BURTON (ANDY)

Late of Canterbury Marrickville Soccer Club

The family would like to thank all relatives, friends and Soccer supporters for their sympathy, floral tributes and assistance during our recent bereavement.

John Burton.



□ Paolo Rossi scores against Brazil in the World Cup.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

European Soccer Cup favourites, Juventus, provided seven of the 18 players named by manager, Enzo Bearzot for last Saturday's vital European Championship match against Romania in Bucharest.

Roberto Bettega, 32, joined the squad and six other Juventus players named, who helped Italy win the World Cup last year in Spain.

Before Italy's match against Romania, her record in Group Five was a series of limp draws against the Czechs, Romanians and Cypriots.

Juventus, boasting a crop of big names have begun to answer the critics in recent weeks, reaching second place on the League ladder and looking set for a place in the European Cup Final after a 2-0 first leg semi-final win over Poland's Widzew Lodz.

Ace-striker, Paolo Rossi, top goalscorer in the World Cup, is back in form and last week scored two goals against Ascoli in their 5 nil victory.

Bottom line: Romania 1 Italy nil.

U.S.A.

England World Cup captain, Bobby Moore, is the new No 2 to one time England and Manchester City star, Rodney Marsh.

Marsh, general manager of Carolina Lightnin', in the NASL, has hired Moore as his coach.

Moore, 42 this week, has once again given up his dream of a prominent post in English football for an obscure spell abroad.

His last job in England was the managership of non-League Oxford City.

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Carolina's publicity manager, said this week: "Rodney Marsh has a lot of marketing and promotional responsibilities now. Bobby will be getting his ideas through to the team."

HOLLAND

It was most inevitable that Feyenoord coach, Hans Kraay, would have to get out and follow a more peaceful occupation.

Kraay has a heart complaint and was forbidden by his doctor to watch his team in action.

Now, Kraay has been sacked. No doubt he will live longer.

U.S.A.

Former Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, in an attempt to revive U.S. interest to stage the 1986 World Cup finals, was appointed head of the U.S.A. World Cup Organising Committee.

Last month, FIFA appeared to destroy U.S. and Canadian hopes of landing the World Cup when their special committee said that they would visit only third candidate Mexico to inspect facilities.

FIFA now says that they are willing to go across and inspect North America after all.

ROMANIA

Italy, the country which arrogantly and proudly became kings of world Soccer only last July, by winning the World Cup in Spain, now face almost certain elimination from the European Championship.

In Bucharest last Saturday, Italy went down 1 nil to Romania in their Group 5 elimination match-the only goal in the match coming from Baloni after 24 minutes.

Without one victory (3 draws and one loss), the Italians are placed fourth in the five team Group.

Czechoslovakia, also in Group 5, swamped Cyprus in Prague 6 nil, making it most probable for the Czechs and the Romanians to qualify.

PORTUGAL

The coaching position with Sporting Lisbon could go to former Manchester City boss, Johnny Bond.

Bond was invited to Portugal for talks with the club and, if the price is right, he will probably accept the job. If he does, it will mean he is once again following the steps of his old West Ham United team mate, Malcolm Allison.

EAST GERMANY

H Rostock - Wis Aue	0-0
S'ring Zwick - U Berlin	3-1
C Z Jena - Lok L'zig	2-1
V'waerts F - Dy D'den	5-1
K-M Stadt - R-W Erfurt	2-1
Ch Boehlen - M'Burg	1-6
Dy Berlin - Che Halle	4-0

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dy Berlin	16	5	0	51	16 37
C-Z Jena	13	3	5	37	24 29
V'waerts F	11	6	4	41	21 28
Lok L'zig	10	6	5	34	19 26
R-W Erfurt	8	9	4	41	21 25

BRAZIL

Nautico - V Da Gama	0-1
P'meiras - Santos	0-1
C'thians - G'ios	1-1
Guarani - Flamengo	0-0

AUSTRIA

Lask - Wiener SC	2-1
Simmering - SC E'stadt	2-3
Un Wels - Aust Vienna	3-0
Gak - Aus Vienna	3-0
Vienna - V Linz	1-0
Rapid Wien - Ad Wacker	2-0
Innsbruck - St Graz	3-1
Neusiedl - Aus S'burg	0-2

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rapid	14	6	0	49	9 34
Aus Vienna	12	4	4	42	20 28
Innsbruck	9	8	3	39	26 26
E'stadt	8	9	3	34	29 25
St Graz	11	2	7	33	21 24

WEST GERMANY

Schalke - K'ruhe	1-0
B M'bach - Hamburg	1-1
St'gart - Bay Muni	1-1
H Berlin - Bochum	1-1
Cologne - Ein Frank	2-2
Wer Bremen - B'schweig	6-0
Dortmund - L'kusen	3-3
K'lautern - Bielefeld	3-0
N'Berg - D'seldord	3-1

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamburg	15	11	2	64	28 41
W Bremen	18	5	5	58	32 41
Bay Muni	15	9	4	63	23 39
Stuttgart	15	7	5	64	36 37
Dortmund	15	5	7	64	41 35
K'lautern	12	11	5	47	33 35

SWITZERLAND

Aaru - Bulle	4-0
B'zona - Zurich	1-0
S Gallen - S'vette	4-1
Sion - Basle	1-0
Vevey - Lucerne	0-2

W'thur - L'sanne	0-1
Xama N'tel - W'tingen	1-1
G'hopper - Young Boys	4-0

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S'vette	16	2	3	45	16 34
G'hopper	16	1	4	61	22 33
L'sanne	11	4	6	40	21 26
S Gallen	12	2	7	44	25 26

GREECE

M'nikos - AEK	1-0
Paok - Apollon	2-0
Ofi - Yannina	3-1
Doxa - I'klis	2-2
E'nikos - Larisa	0-1
P'raikos - Ol'piakos	0-0
Rodos - P'naikos	1-2
Aris - P'chalki	2-1
Kastoria - P'nios	3-1

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
O'kos	16	8	2	40	16 40
Aris	14	7	5	29	14 35
AEK	15	5	6	40	27 35
Larisa	12	9	5	39	23 33

SPAIN

At Bilbao - Sociedad	2-0
B'celona - L Palmas	7-2
Re Madrid - Osasuna	2-1
Celta - Valencia	2-1
R Betis - V'dolid	1-1
S'manca - Sevilla	2-3
Racing - Zaragoza	2-1
Sporting - At Madrid	2-3
Malaga - Espanol	2-1

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Re Madrid	20	9	4	57	24 49
Bilbao	21	6	6	66	35 48
B'celona	17	10	6	60	28 44
At Madrid	19	6	8	53	37 44
Sevilla	14	12	7	42	31 40
Zaragoza	16	6	11	56	37 38

YUGOSLAVIA

Titograd - Zel S'jevo	2-1
Red Star - Vinkovci	2-2
Rijeka - Sloboda	1-1
S'jevo - Var Skop	2-1
Orijek - V'dina N-S	5-0
Vel Mos - G'nika Zem	3-1
Par B'grade - R'nicki N	3-1
Di Zagreb - Ol L'jana	1-1
Hajduk - Ork B'grad	1-1

RUSSIA

Dy Kiev - Moscow Torp	0-1
Pak T'kent - Nis K'nev	2-1
Ararat Yer - Zhal Vilnius	1-0
Tbilisi - Sh Donetsk	2-3
Z L'grad - C'rets Odessa	2-1
Met Kharkov CASC	2-1
Torp K'taisi - Dy Minsk	1-1

Moscow Torpedo lead with nine points from five games, followed by Ararat with eight.

PORTUGAL

Amora - Benfica	1-3
Sporting - Setubal	1-0
Porto - Maritimo	1-0
P'nense - S'gueiros	1-1
Rio Ave - Gu'maraes	2-1
Braga - B'vista	1-0
Espinho - Varzim	1-0
A'beca - Estoril	3-1

HOLLAND

Go Ahead - Utrecht	4-0
Haarlem - Az' 67	3-3
NAC Breda	Roda J 2-2
PSV - NEC N'gen	2-0
G'ningen - Hel Sp	4-2
Fortuna - F'noord	-0
Ex R'dam - PEC Zwolle	1-1
Sp R'dam - Twente	2-1
Ajax - Willem	8-1

BELGIUM

W'schei - Seraing	0-3
Beveren - FC Bruges	4-0
Antwerp - Tongres	2-1
FC Liege - Beerschot	3-1
CS Bruges - Lokeren	3-0
RWD M'beek - St Liege	0-2
Lierse - Waregem	2-1
C'trai - A'lecht	1-5
Ghent - W'slag	2-1

POLAND

Poland drew 1-1 with Finland in their European Group Two qualifying match in Warsaw.
Scorers: Poland — Wlodzimierz Smolarek (Penalty 2m). Finland — Pawel Janas (own goal).
Attendance: 60,000.

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	2	0	4	1	4
Poland	1	1	1	5	3
Soviet	1	0	2	0	2
Finland	0	1	3	3	1

HUNGARY

Hungary beat Luxembourg 6-2 in their European Group Three match in Budapest.

Scorers: Hungary — Gyula Hajszan (21m), Tibor Nyilasi (33, 63), Laszlo Kiss (36), Lazar Szentes (62), Burcsa (65). Luxembourg — Jeannot Reiter (56), Theo Maiget (57).

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CANNONBALL CHARLIE IS "PERFECTION"



On June 30, Charlie Nicholas's contract with famous Glasgow club, Celtic, will end. That's when the biggest scramble for years will take place — for the player's signature on a transfer form.

Only the big guns, the wealthiest of clubs, could even consider bidding for Charlie. Tottenham Hotspur are leading the chase but the player is also on the shopping list of Liverpool, Manchester United, Aston Villa and Hamburg SV.

that age, he would be the finished article, able to start another brilliant career."

Celtic captain Danny McGrain is another great admirer of Charlie Nicholas and he came in with the comment: "I hate over-praising a young player but this boy has got everything — he's perfection. He is the only personality in Scotland who can get people out of their armchairs and into the football ground."

Nicholas has scored 45 goals already this season for Celtic... and that sort of goalscoring went out with

World War 11. No wonder he's called "CANNONBALL CHARLIE."

Nicholas admits he enjoys night clubs, discos and bars. That suggests he will have to avoid doing the things that sent George Best down the slippery slope.

Charlie says he enjoys drinking in pubs because he gets a few laughs that way, but adds: "Now I'm in the public eye, I'll have to be careful."

Probably the best compliment paid to Charlie Nicholas was the statement that he is "a Brazilian with a Scottish accent."

STRIKER STEVE'S PUB

Scottish international Steve Archibald of Spurs wants to take over a public house in Bethnal Green one of the toughest areas of London's east end.

Archibald's parents have moved from Scotland and they are expected to take over the running of the pub.

It has a seven years lease, but the tip is that Steve won't be staying at Spurs for that long... in fact he could be transferred before next season.

The arrival of another Scottish international, Alan Brazil, at White Hart Lane could tempt Spurs to release Archibald.

Celtic manager Billy McNeill believes he will be able to persuade Nicholas to remain in Scotland. Said McNeill: "I'm frightened that the boy might go to England too young — he's only 21. He could be ruined. I would advise him to go south when he's about 26, like Kenny Dalglish. At

REGIS HITS THE BIG TIME

Cyrille Regis became one of the highest-paid players in Britain when he signed a new two-year contract with West Brom.

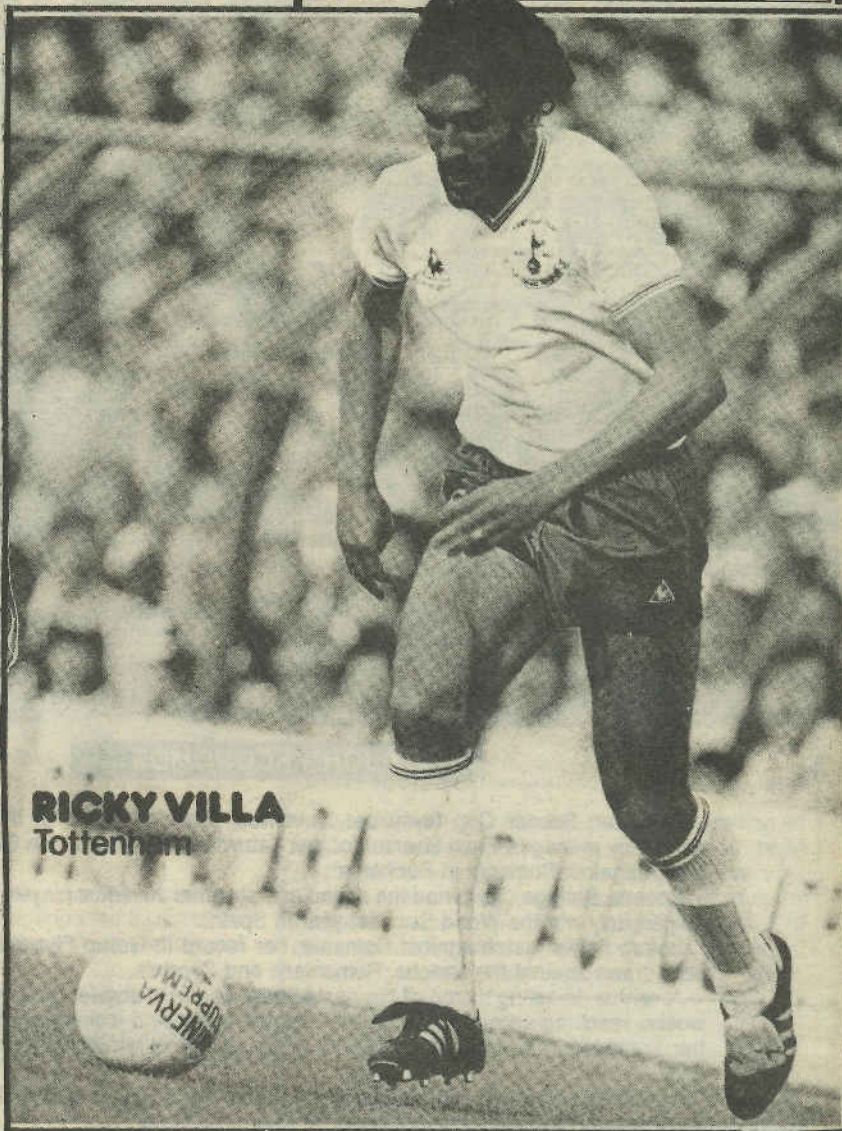
Regis, who has not even convinced people that he is good enough to play for England regularly, will get a basic \$120,000 a year. In addition he can expect to collect about another \$75,000 in bonuses.

This is a huge pay deal for a player who was happy to play for £16 a week with non-League club, Hayes, only five years ago.

While most top players like to keep quiet about the cash they're paid, it is ge-

nerally accepted that Cyrille Regis is now in the top five money earners in the game in the UK.

Who are the other four? Peter Shilton, Glenn Hoddle, Kevin Keegan, and Bryan Robson.



RICKY VILLA Tottenham

RICKY FREE TO QUIT

Tottenham Hotspur are over-loaded with very expensive players, which is why they plan a big clearance sale. First to go could be Ricky Villa, whose goalscoring prowess won the F.A. Cup for the team two years ago. The Argentinian has been offered lower pay for next season than he's getting now. He said: "I cannot understand why the club offered me such a poor contract."

When Villa's contract expires soon, he will get a free transfer — but he has no great wish to return to his South American homeland. He hopes to sign for another club in England.

Incidentally, Barcelona have their expensive eyes on another star Argentinian at White Hart Lane — Ossie Ardiles. Trouble is, Ossie is one highly-paid player Spurs are very anxious to retain.

□ Hard-up small clubs dream of the day they can sell a player to a big club to settle their debts. That day could be arriving for Crewe Alexandra. Crewe striker Dave Waller, a teenager, is wanted by Spurs. Aston Villa, Stoke City and West Brom have all looked at the boy — so there could be an auction for his services.

□ There's a new trophy in English football — the Robinson's Barley Water Young player of the month award. First recipients were Southampton's England Under 21 starlets, Danny Wallace and Mark Wright — joint winners.

Birmingham City, about \$3,000,000 in the red, have been selling off players they can ill afford to lose and this has prompted speculation that manager Ron Saunders has been instructed to "sell anyone and everyone."

Kevin Combs, Birmingham's chairman, has now denied that he instructed Saunders to sell. But that's no consolation to the angry fans.

With George Best now making yet another attempt at a comeback — with Bournemouth — the wayward Irish genius has come out with what must be the classic quote. Said George: "I don't want to be the star attraction — just a member of the team!"

CALLING IN THE COPS!

Police in Essex have reported Sheffield United winger Terry Curran to the Football League for allegedly provoking crowd trouble at a Southend United match.

A police spokesman said "The player was involved in a disallowed goal and afterwards ran in front of supporters waving his fists. Some of them jumped on the pitch. After the game, a policeman was treated in hospital."



Bobby Charlton

Bobby Charlton was anything but enthusiastic when he took over as caretaker manager of Wigan after Larry Lloyd was sacked. Bobby is a director of Wigan but he has no ambitions to get involved in the managerial rat race again after previous experiences at Preston North End.

Bobby will be only a caretaker boss. "I don't want the job permanently," he said. "I have no managerial aspirations. My first priority is to get a few smiles around the place."

UK soccer tables

ENGLISH DIV 1										ENGLISH DIV 4									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
HOME goals								HOME goals											
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
Liverpool	37	16	3	0	54	13	81	Hull	41	13	7	1	45	12	10				
Watford	37	14	2	3	45	18	64	Port Vale	40	14	4	2	34	12	10				
Arsenal	37	14	2	1	40	9	59	Wimbledon	39	13	4	2	34	17	31				
Aston Villa	36	14	2	2	40	14	42	Bury	42	14	4	3	41	17	8				
Nottingham	37	10	4	4	29	15	38	Colchester	41	15	5	1	47	18	6				
Stoke	37	13	3	3	33	17	34	Scunthorpe	39	10	6	3	30	12	6				
Southampton	37	11	4	3	33	17	34	York	40	15	3	1	32	18	9				
Tottenham	36	12	4	2	42	14	35	Mansfield	41	10	5	6	26	23	6				
West Ham	36	11	3	4	36	20	34	Swindon	39	11	2	5	35	18	4				
Everton	36	10	5	2	37	18	32	Peterborough	39	11	5	4	31	19	3				
Ipswich	37	9	3	6	23	19	44	Torquay	39	11	3	6	34	25	3				
Sheff Wed	35	9	6	3	30	18	49	Chesham	41	8	5	8	27	22	6				
WBA	36	9	5	4	33	19	47	Halifax	40	8	6	6	28	21	5				
Notts Only	38	10	4	5	33	23	33	Bristol City	41	8	7	5	26	21	3				
Coventry	37	10	5	4	27	12	32	Stockport	41	9	8	3	37	29	3				
Sunderland	36	7	7	3	25	16	44	Blackpool	40	9	8	4	27	20	3				
Millwall	37	9	5	2	30	20	44	Tranmere	41	8	6	6	28	26	4				
Norwich	36	8	5	5	24	15	33	Northampton	41	9	7	5	40	27	2				
Luton	36	6	6	6	30	27	41	Darlington	40	6	5	9	20	24	5				
Swansea	37	9	3	6	29	24	40	Rochdale	39	10	7	3	33	19	0				
Birmingham	37	7	6	5	25	23	31	Accrington	41	8	5	7	26	29	1				
Brighton	36	7	7	5	24	21	35	Crewe	41	9	5	7	35	29	2				
								Hartlepool	41	10	5	5	25	18	1				
								Hereford	41	7	6	8	18	22	3				
ENGLISH DIV 2										SCOTTISH PREM DIV									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
HOME goals								HOME goals											
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
QPR	35	13	3	2	45	14	72	Celtic	31	11	3	2	40	15	11				
Wolves	37	13	4	2	39	14	69	Dundee Utd	31	11	4	1	49	18	8				
Fulham	36	11	5	2	33	19	63	Aberdeen	31	11	0	4	35	12	9				
Leeds Utd	36	7	8	2	23	16	61	Rangers	31	6	2	24	12	7	32				
Oldham	37	9	5	2	36	21	54	St Mirren	31	6	5	5	24	17	2				
Newcastle	36	10	6	2	33	18	58	Hibernian	31	3	9	3	20	15	4				
Barnsley	36	9	6	3	35	21	55	Dundee	31	7	3	5	26	23	1				
Sheff Wed	35	7	8	3	29	20	52	Motherwell	31	8	3	5	26	24	2				
Shrewsbury	37	8	3	17	12	12	52	Morton	32	4	4	4	14	20	2				
Blackburn	37	9	4	3	34	20	49	Kilmarnock	31	3	5	7	14	23	0				
Cambridge	37	10	7	2	24	13	44												
Grimstby	37	9	6	4	31	23	43												
Carlisle	37	9	4	5	40	25	43												
Derby City	37	5	10	4	24	24	42												
Middlesbrough	37	7	6	5	25	28	41												
Chelsea	37	8	5	5	29	20	41												
Charlton	36	9	2	6	29	25	40												
Crystal Pal	36	8	7	3	24	16	41												
Bolton	37	9	1	8	26	25	39												
Rotherham	37	5	6	8	18	27	39												
Burnley	35	8	3	7	32	22	33												
ENGLISH DIV 3										SCOTTISH DIV 1									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
HOME goals								HOME goals											
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
Huddersfield	41	13	7	0	51	16	75	St Johnstone	35	15	1	2	32	10	49				
Portsmouth	40	13	3	3	34	17	70	Hearts	35	12	3	3	41	17	48				
Newport	41	12	6	3	35	19	70	Partick	35	9	6	3	31	22	45				
Cardiff	41	14	5	1	36	12	73	Clydebank	35	7	4	5	28	24	41				
Bristol R	41	15	3	3	33	20	70	Airdrie	35	7	2	8	26	25	36				
Bristol B	41	16	0	5	51	20	69	Alloa	35	8	5	5	29	19	35				
Oxford	40	9	1	1	36	21	65	Raith	35	8	2	7	30	24	31				
Plymouth	40	15	1	4	36	19	61	Dumbarton	35	5	7	5	24	27	32				
Southend	41	10	7	4	39	25	58	Falkirk	35	7	2	8	17	19	31				
Sheff Utd	40	14	3	3	40	17	58	Clyde	35	7	1	10	25	33	30				
Brentford	41	12	4	3	46	26	55	Hamilton	35	5	6	7	22	31	29				
Bradford	40	9	7	4	34	23	55	East Fife	35	7	2	7	22	24	28				
Walsall	40	12	4	4	33	17	53	Dunfermline	35	5	7	6	17	28	28				
Bournemouth	41	10	5	5	30	16	46	Queens Park	35	3	6	8	23	35	22				
Gillingham	41	9	7	3	31	28	47												
Wrexham	41	11	4	5	38	23	47												
Wigan	40	10	3	8	33	30	48												
Exeter	41	10	4	6	41	33	47												
Orient	41	8	6	7	35	36	47												
Reading	41	8	7	5	33	25	46												
Preston	41	8	10	2	30	16	45												
Millwall	40	9	7	4	34	24	45												
Doncaster	41	6	8	7	37	39	37												
Chesterfield	41	6	6	9	28	26	36												